Bush announces 'no fly zone'

Saddam moves jets south to confront West

By Jamie Dettmer in Washington and Christopher Walker in Nicosia

THE Middle East was last In a televised statement annight braced for a renewed confrontation between Iraq and the West after the formal announcement of a 24-hour ultimatum imposing a strict "no fly zone" in southern Iraq below the

32nd parallel. The announcement of the zone came only hours after the Pentagon claimed that Iraq has moved several Mirage 2000 jets, its top fighters, from bases in the north to airfields just above the 32nd parallel. The reason for the redeployment was unclear last night, but it suggests Iraq may mount a cat-and-mouse challenge to the allies by fly-ing planes in and out of the

prohibited zone quickly. As Western diplomats informed the Iraqi ambassador at the United Nations of the 'no fly zone", President Bush indicated that further military steps might be taken against Baghdad to stop any ground attacks on Shia Mus-

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nouncing the exclusion zone, Mr Bush said the allies were not seeking to partition Iraq but force its compliance with UN resolutions ending the Gulf war.

Within minutes of his announcement, Arab delegates at Middle East peace talks in Washington condemned the "no fly zone" and said peace negotiations could be endangered. "Anger in the region will explode if the United States kills Iraqi pilots," said a senior Arab official.

Just before the ultimatum, Iraq's information minister, Youssef Hummadi, said in an interview that Iraq would use its air defence system if it was attacked by Gulf allies barring its warplanes and helicopters from the Shia south.

Baghdad, claiming it was ready for a showdown, depicting the move as an Israel-inspired plot to dismember Iraq into three mini-states dominated separately by the Kurds and the Sunni and

"Our great people ... and our valiant armed forces are fully prepared to confront the enemies and topple their im-perialist and Zionist schemes," said Al-Thawra, the paper of the ruling Baath party, in bellicose rhetoric reminiscent of that used on the eve of last year's Gulf war.
"We are ready to confront
them and crush their criminal plan. We defy the charlatan Major, the cursed Bush," the paper declared in a ban-ner headline.

Allied warplanes, operating from Saudi Arabia and the US aircraft carrier Indepenwill start enforcing the ban at 14.15 (GMT) today. Most of the policing of the zone, 54,000 square miles, will fall on America, which has more than 100 fighters in Saudi Arabia, including F15 and F16 aircraft, and 78 warplanes on the *Independence*. The military operation will be directed by a 30-strong air warfare battle group based in

Riyadh, the Saudi capital, and commanded by Lieuten-ant General Michael Nelson. The Pentagon announced

yesterday that surveillance aircraft, Grumman E2s, were already monitoring airspace in the zone. Later today Boeing E3 early warning and command aircraft will start flying. Six RAF Tornados will today fly to Saudi Arabia equipped to ensure that nothing moves south of the 32nd parallel without the allies mowing about it. The RAF plans to keep a constant watch on the estimated 75,000 Iraqi troops grouped around the Shia marsh Arabs and to ensure that no Iraqi aircraft flies in the area.

An Iraqi Shia opposition group based in Tehran, the Islamic Action Organisation, claimed that an army division and a brigade were moved to the south from the Baghdad and Kirkuk areas to "reinforce the economic and military blockade of the area".

Among the contingencies being taken into account in the West was that Saddam might retaliate with Soud missile attacks on Saudi Ara-bia, Bahrain or Kuwait, all equipped with US Patriot anti-missile batteries. A Scud attack on Israel was considered less likely.

In Baghdad yesterday. senior United Nations official said Iraq had issued a warning that all remaining UN guards would have to leave if attacks were launched under the allied scheme. The num-ber of UN staff there has dwindled to about 75 and harassment of UN personnel was feared. A crucial test will ome next Monday wh new UN inspection team is

due in Baghdad. Many allied officials see the new zone as merely a "first step" in a renewed drive to undermine Saddam. It is hoped that it will encourage large defections from his armed forces

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UN ready to expand **Bosnia** peace force

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND TIM JUDAH

THE United Nations has received offers of more troops to expand its forces escorting food convoys in the former Yugoslavia, UN officials said vesterday at the opening of the London Conference.

Diplomats said this could lead to a greatly enlarged UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia, pre-emping any decision by Nato to send troops outside UN command, as envisaged in recent UN resolutions.

With Saraievo in flames as fighting continued, the conference heard powerful warnings to Serbia that unless it renounced territory won by war and halted the fighting in Bosnia it faced international isolation and further "punitive sanctions", including communications with the outside world being cut.

The warnings, voiced by John Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary,

who spoke for the European Community, came as speakers from all the big powers called for an immediate end to the fighting in Bosnia and urgent international action to speed up relief for its victims. Sarajevo burned as Bosni-an Serbs amd Muslims ex-

changed a barrage of mortar and artillery attacks which left 28 people dead. Hopes that the fighting would die down during the talks were dashed as the Bosnian capital saw its most intense battles for a month.

The city was rocked by ex-plosions, and buildings burned, including the elegant and much-loved town hall. Volunteers formed a chain to carry water into the building Continued on page 16, col 4

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Taking the strain: Norman Lamont outside the Treasury yesterday making his direct challenge to the markets in support of the pound

Renting has the edge over home buying

With the housing market in turmoil, more people are thinking twice before investing in bricks and mortar. Lin Jenkins asks if they are wise

Renting a home is more profitable than buying in research published today by the Council of Mortgage

The financial advantages of home ownership, through rising prices, mortgage inter-est tax relief and exemption from capital gains tax, which for years made it more economical to buy rather than rent have been eroded by the recession. But in the long term, owner-occupation is expected to remain the most popular form of tenure.

The recent fall in house prices together with the dedine in the value of mortgage interest tax relief since the mid-70s, has, according to Lande Abisogun, an economist with the council, opened to question the assumption that ownership is the most financially viable option.

Taking three hypothetical examples and making certain financial assumptions, she compared the cost of buying a £55,000 house with renting where there was an annual per cent increase in house prices, where there was no rise and where prices were falling by 2 per cent a year.

In the first case, buying would save £1,713 over renting in the first year. In the second example, renting gave a net advantage of £1,113 and where prices were falling, an advantage of £2,288.

The examples take into account the relationship be-tween the movement of house prices and rents. Rising house prices lead to higher rents since fewer properties are likely to be let, while falling prices have the opp-Continued on page 16, coi I

Lamont shows his determination to sink or swim with the pound

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE pound pulled through amother bumpy day yesterday after Norman Lamont staked his personal credibility in a direct challenge to the markets. But despite heavy and open intervention by the Bank of England and the Chancellor's readiness to raise interest rates if necessary, the currency remained in intensive care.

Political allies and opponents acknowledged that Mr Lamont had put his political future at risk by summoning cameras to the Treasury as markets opened to announce the government's commitment to the exchange-rate mechanism and to its refusal to consider devaluation. Should either policy be re-versed, it would be difficult for him to remain as Chancellor, even if he then wished to

"There are going to be no devaluations, no leaving the ERM. We are absolutely committed to the ERM. It is at the centre of our policy," Mr Lamont said. "We are going to maintain sterling's parity and we will do whatever is necessary - and I hope

His words steadied the pound, but only slightly. Less than helpful interventions from the Bundesbank and a French opinion poll showing that most of those intending to vote were against ratifica-

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his remarks advertised again Tory divisions over Europe and the economy. Having risen above Dm 2.8 after Bank of England buying, the pound fell back when it was reported that Reimut Jochimsen, a Bundesbank council member, was suggesting that there was "potential for realignment" of the deutschmark. When Mr Jochimsen delivered the speech, the offending passage

was not included. But the Treasury's agitation showed when spokesmen assured the markets that no EC partners

were calling for realignment. The pound's difficulties remained grist to the mill for Tory Euro-sceptics while loyalists helped to prepare the party for a rise in interest

rates. Sir Teddy Taylor, chairman of the European Reform Group, called the Chancellor's statement a mistake and said he had "put his head on the chopping block", while Toby Jessel said "My advice would be not to increase interest rates but to cut them even if that involves leaving the ERM."

Their comments were dis-

missed as extremely unhelpful by Tory party vice-chairman Tim Smith, who said: "They know that if we were to follow the alternatives there is no guarantee whatever that we would be able cut interest rates." For John Butterfill, the only credible strategy was to make people believe in the pound. "The reason the deutschmark is so strong is that the Bundesbank has never flinched from taking unpopular and painful decisions whenever necessary."

colleagues were trying to ex-ploit sterling's difficulties to discredit the Maastricht treaty. "The turbulences in the markets underline how vital is is for British interests that we are within the ERM. Anyone trying to undermine that is guaranteeing that British interest rates will have to be several points higher." Mr Lamont won support

Ian Taylor, PPS to William

Waledegrave, said that some

from Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader. who described the Chancellor's morning statement as a "desperate last throw" that he hoped would work. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, accused Mr Lamont of wasting an opportunity.

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policy of the Independent State

of Crostis' (1941-45). This 'state'

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whole of today's Bonnia-Herze-

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now only 32% of the population

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The Slovenes, Crosts, Serbs,

munity. These memories live on.

Record numbers take

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

RECORD-breaking GCSE results, which today see most entrants achieving the equiv-alent of an O-level pass, have brought calls for the government to reconsider plans to limit marks for coursework.

Teachers and opposition politicians claimed that the fifth successive rise in GCSE pass rates owed much to the motivation provided by projects, which are to be cut back in 1994. Coursework marks are to be limited to 20 per cent in most subjects.

Eric Forth, the schools minister, made no mention of the coursework in congratulating

pupils and their teachers on the results. He said that the improvement would mean more young people than ever continuing their education

beyond the age of 16. The number of GCSE entries rose by 1.3 per cent to 5,154,541 at a time when the number of 15-year-olds is falling, showing that more subjects are being taken by each candidate. The overall pass rate rose only slightly, but the proportion awarded one of the top three grades increased by 2.3 per cent. :

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FAIR PLAY FOR **YUGOSLAVIA** and pass GCSE exams

AT THE LONDON CONFERENCE We are a group of British citizens who have known and nated as part of the deliberate

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loved Yugoslavia for many yests and like everyone elec, we are horrified at the catestrophe that has befallen that country. Nexrow nationalism, bondering on insanity, is compant on all sides and has been curringly manipulated by outsiders, perticularly by Austria and Germany. Civil wars are the most terrifying of conflicts; this one is no exception No side has behaved well. However those of us who know the country, its peoples, their culture and their past, are moved to outrage at the one sided reporting of this war. The Serbian people alone has been blamed With one or two honourable exceptions, no journalist hea gone to see, hear or record the horrors experienced by the halfmillion refugees which have been forced to fine to Serbin and Montenegro. Ethnic cleansing is

indeed particularly horrible but, as pointed out by Simon Wiesenthal, it was begun by the Crostion nationalist regime in 1941-45. It still continues. It has

always formed a central part of Crostian nationalist doctrine Europe is familier with the names of Auschwitz and Trebinka. British troops liberated Belson. But few have heard

of Jasenovac, where hundreds of

Moslems, Montenegrins and others are all amail peoples. Together they could be strong Apart, each will be exploited by strong neighborns - sooner rather than later, But if selfdetermination' is regarded as a democratic right, then there can be no exception made for those who wish to remain in a state called Yugoslavia We call upon the British

às a people

government as convenous of the

London conference, to adopt an even-handed approach; the sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro, which remain a stupelying injustice, must be lifted and the new form of Yugoslavia

FRIENDS OF YUGOSLAVIA

Messy desk is sign of a sophisticated mind



By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

UNTIDY desks may provide the key to new, user-friendly filing systems, the British Association for the Advancement of Science was told yesterday. People with desks heaped with paper do not have untidy minds, Mark Lans-dale, of Loughborough University, said. Often they had devising documents. The growing pile of paper was not as ineffi-cient a way of dealing with information as it appeared.

Dr Lansdale likened the messy desk to a volcano: "a vaguely conical heap of papers with a crater in the middle Documents came into the crater and were dealt with; others were deferred, moving to the lip. If unimportant, they migrated to the edge of the desk, fell off and were thrown away by cleaners.

"Documents to which this happens are

defining themselves as useless," Dr memory works. Documents are coded in Lansdale said. "It is a stable system within which documents can be recovered, like an archaeologist digging through successive chronological layers." The system failed only when the mess became so intolerable that it had

to be tidied, and the structure was lost. The way in which memory was used to recall roughly where a document lay was also akin to archaeology, he said. It was located by time - how deeply it was buried — and context.

Unfortunately, he said, no existing filing systems or data bases used this type of memory, called episodic or auto-biographical memory. They used se-mantic memory, in which documents must first be categorised. "Human beings are very inefficient at remembering these categories."

Dr Lansdale has devised an experi-

mental filing system, called Memoirs, in an attempt to mimic the way the human

ing it. The system was at least five years away from the market, Dr Lansdale said. "Until that moment comes, the office mess seems well suited to the way the human memory works." If so, tidying up could be a serious mistake. "In precisely the same way that a farmer's plough can destroy an

a multiplicity of ways, by date, colour and other features. Every time a docu-

ment is used, its use is recorded in an

electronic diary, so that remembering

the last time it was seen can aid retriev-

archaeological site, so rummaging around for documents slowly mixes them up and decreases the ability to recover them by memory and recon-struction," he said. "How often do we hear people say, 'I've just tidied up — I can't find a thing."

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Journey's end: Richard Shenouda, the survivor of the capsized speedboat, which is shown being hauled ashore near Llandudno

Five anglers feared dead as boat sinks

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RUMBELOWS, SAMCENTRE, SELFRIDGES, TESCO* AND BY MAIL ORDER FROM GRATTAN.

FIVE people were believed drowned yesterday after a night fishing trip off the north Wales coast went wrong. A sixth member of the party was in hospital, recovering from hypothermia and exhaustion after spending two hours in

the water. Coastguards who spent more than 24 hours searching for the party after their 17ft speedboat capsized in rough seas off Llandudno criticised the foolhardiness of the group for setting out in a boat that was poorly equipped and too

The survivor, Richard Shenouda, 19, from Llandudno, told his rescuers that the engine had failed and would not restart because the battery was faulty. The boat had only one lifebelt on board and distress flares would not work

because they were damp.

A Holyhead coastguard said: "Personally I would say no more than two people should have been in the boat, four in calm weather, but I certainly wouldn't go out at night in it at all."

Mr Shenouda said that when they set out the sea was quite calm, but the waves became rougher as they drifted. "As we pulled up the anchor rope snapped. We

made several attempts to shout them, Reg Davies from Liverfor help when we were drifting pool thought it was young-sters skylarking and shouted out, but we weren't heard. We were drifting for about back for them to be quiet, but a half an hour. We weren't voice replied, "We aren't mess ing about, we are all bloody drowning." He stayed while a companion raised the alarm. Mr Davies said the screaming went on for about an hour worried at first because we had the flares, but when they didn't work there was bit of panic. The sea got a bit rough and the boat capsized, leaving all six of us to jump out.

before fading as they were apparently taken out to sea. "I went ashore to try to get the rescue services, but I didn't Three air-sea rescue helicopmake it. I was picked up just off the pier. It was rough and ters joined the search and three lifeboats were launched. took me about two hours to get Coastguard cliff rescue teams searched though Monday night and all day yesterday along the banks of the Conwy from where we were to the end of the pier, about a mile." Coastguards said he was lucky that the sea temperature estuary. Soon after dawn yeswas about 14C. The group of terday a helicopter crew spotfive men and a woman had ted the upturned hull of the left the seaside resort about boat but an exhaustive search failed to find any sign of the missing anglers. Last night 7.30pm on Monday. Soon after 10pm anglers on Llan-

divers were preparing for an underwater search for bodies. Those still unaccounted for are Tracey Hughes, 28, Barry Palin, 20, Christian Mills, 22, and his brother Justin. 19, all from Llandudno, and Alex Yates from Rhos-on-Sea, near Llandudno.

The white speedboat had also been in trouble last Sunday. She was towed into Rhoson-Sea by a local boat last Sunday after being unable to re-start the engine.

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Lamont rating slips back in the City

By Alan Hamilton

slightest scintilla of doubt about the Government's policy, said the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, in the course of 137 words on the steps of the Treasury yesterday morning. Scintilla? Yes: spark, hint or trace. It takes more than a scintilla to light a damp squib. There is, they were saying on trading floors of the City by noon, no whiff of singed

chancellor around here.
His timing, the City
thought, was pretty duff.
Promised for eight, not appearing until twenty past, and then having the gall to say he would like a word before the markets opened. Your average currency trader is at his screen no later than 7.45. So here is our poor pound,

something of an innocent bystander at a duel between the dollar and the deutschmark, hobbling along at 2.7950 to the mark when Mr Lamont comes on the early morning screens. There is an air of expectancy. But his 137 words contain, in the view of the City, absolutely nothing

David Simmonds, economist on the currency trading floor at Midland Montagu, was in front of his screen well before eight. "There was spec-ulation that the Chancellor

would break his silence and say something relevant. We were hoping he would say something positive, like what action, if needed, would be taken to defend the pound. He might even have mentioned

the magic words interest rates; but he said nothing." Nikki Nelson-Smith, sitting at the next screen to Mr Simmonds, agreed. "He might even have said that the Bank of England were intervening to support sterling. They did, but he didn't say it. He really needs to make it look as though he is being more forceful in defence of the

Within minutes of Mr Lamont spewing his thin gruel upon an expectant world, the pound had shot up to 2.80 to the mark; such tiny percentages mean much in the arcane world of moneychanging. But Mr Lamont got no credit whatsoever. Within minutes of him speaking, the Bank of England had mobilised its \$45 billion (£22.63 billion) war chest to buy sterling on the market and support the price. But it didn't last long. Just

over an hour after Mr Lamont had delivered the Sermonette On The Steps, Reuters news agency was flashing a leak from a speech which a relatively minor official of the Deutsche Bundesbank was due to make later in the day, saying that there was room for ERA realignment.

So sensitive is the market that within minutes of this news, the pound had dropped back from its brief 2.80 peak to 2.79. marginally worse than the position in which it had started the day. Our finance minister had

been upstaged by a speech from a lowly provincial German functionary which he hasn't even made yet. Next time perhaps we should get the branch manager of the TSB in Wigan to make the

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Major to consider French poll plea

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITONS may have been denied a referendum on the Maastricht treaty, but their politicians may get in on the

John Major will decide this weekend whether to respond to a cry for help by President Mitterrand and appear on French television next week to

call for a "yes" vote in France's referendum. on September Euro-sceptic Tory MPs are preparing to aid the "no" lobby in France, and, with polls suggesting a photo-fin-ish, the pro-EC camp has no intention of giving them a

dear run. Downing Street sources confirmed yesterday that Mr Major has had an invitation from TF1, France's equivalent of ITV, to give his views.

Sir Richard Body, the Tory MP who advised Danish anti-Masstricht campaigners, said that if Mr Major went on television, he could not keep opposing a referendum here, an idea he has denounced as a device of dictators. "If he believes in it for France, it should be right for the British people, too," he said.



Body: Major cannot

RAF Tornados fly to Dhahran today

Electronic equipment on RAF aircraft will play an important role in enforcing the nofly zone in Iraq, says Harvey Elliott

SIX RAF Tornados will fly to Saudi Arabia today, equipped to ensure that no aircraft or tank moves south of the 32nd parallel in Iraq without the allies knowing about it.
Three of the jets will carry

the GEC Ferranti Tiald device capable of spotting tanks, aircraft or troops over a wide area from well above 20,000ft, while the other three will carry the RMS 3,000 infra-red system, with which they will sweep the desert from a height of little more than 100ft. By using the two systems in parallel the RAF plans to maintain a constant watch on the estimated 75,000 Iraqi troops now grouped around the Shia marsh Arabs and to ensure that no traci aircraft, either fixed-wing or helicopter, flies

in the area. One of the first jobs of the Tornado airmen will be to take detailed video pictures of earthworks now appearing near Al Amarah and An Nasiriyan in southern Iraq.

Satellites and high-flying Awacs have been monitoring the progress of the earthworks as they move further into the marshes, but so far little is known of their purpose. The Tornados will quickly be able to establish whether they are hardened roads being built ready for a large

armoured assault on the insurgents in the area or whether they are some form of canal to be used to drain the marshes and divert the vital

water supplies on which the local population depends. For some of the Tornado crews it will be their second tour of combat duty in the Gulf. Tiald, which stands for Thermal Imaging Airborne Laser Designator, was rushed into service during the Gulf war more than two years ahead of its intended deployment date.

Only ten navigators had been trained in using the two pods then available. Some of the most experienced are being sent back to fly over the same areas in which they carried out successful sorties during the war.

The Tiald crews will be drawn from 2 and 617 Squadrons, flying Tornado GR1s, and the GRIAs, equipped with RMS 3,000, will come from 27 Squadron. Once in Dhahran they will come under joint allied control. liaising with French and American Air Force commanders, who will provide fighter cover for the RAF jets and any ground attacks that might be needed to enforce the no-fly rule.

Woman murdered in betting shop

The manageress of a betting shop was killed after being stabbed repeatedly with a long-bladed kitchen knife as she counted the shop's takings, police said last night. The killer escaped with £350. Ladbroke's has offered a £10,000 reward for information about the murder of Sian Collier, 24, in her office in Newport. Gwent. The killer, who would have been heavily bloodstained, walked out of the shop, closing the front door behind him, police said.

Two policemen discovered Mrs Collier's body on Tuesday night, alerted by her husband, Andrew, when she failed to return to their home in Pontypool. The lights in the office were on and racing monitor screens were still running. Police believe that she was killed between 5.50pm and 6.30pm. The murder weapon was found in the shop.

murder weapon was found in the shop.

Ladbrokes said: "Mrs Collier was very popular with customers and staff alike." Det Chief Supt Mark Waters, head of Gwent CID, said: "This young woman's family are or Gwent CID, said: "This young woman's family are absolutely stunned. She was, by every account, well known and liked and her betting shop was a friendly and well-run place." Police believe that Mrs Collier, a St John Ambulance volunteer, may have recognised her attacker and could have been trying to telephone for help as she was killed.

Alan Tucker, an assistant commissioner for St John Ambulance, said that Mrs Collier had been a member of the Gwent Briggede for 15 years after starting as a well at "Change and the country of the country

Gwent Brigade for 15 years, after starting as a cadet. "She was a very outstanding girl. This is a dreadful shock."

Stolen casket found

The £200,000 Florentine casket stolen from the Victoria & Albert Museum last Sunday has been recovered after nationwide publicity. A dealer in the West End of London is nanonwide prolicity. A deater in the West End of London's understood to have bought it yesterday, only to discover its the identity later. He has asked police to keep his identity secret. "He will be out of pocket," Chelsea police said yesterday. The casket bears the Medici arms, grand ducal crown and Florentine lily, and is decorated with panels containing the figures of Mars and Minerva.

Petrol tanker on fire



A river of fire engulfed 42 cars yesterday after a petrol tanker carrying 8,000 gallons of fuel rolled on its side as it swerved to avoid a van. Seconds later the blaze erupted as petrol spilled from the tanker, above. The liquid ran down a side street in Sunderland. Tyne and Wear, setting light to everything in its path, including parked cars, and then swept into a swimming pool's car park, engulfing more vehicles. The normally busy. Newcastle Road was deserted when the accident took place and just three people were taken to hospital with slight burns. David Knight, 47, the tanker driver, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, was burnt on his face and arms as he struggled to escape from

NHS buys hospital

A financially desperate private hospital is being bought by its National Health Service equivalent next door. The recession and health authority success in reducing NHS waiting lists have put the 18-month-old West Peaks Hospital at Macclesfield, Cheshire, out of business. The purchase is to be completed today; West Peaks cost more than £6 million to build, but Macclesfield Health Authority is paying only £2 million. Macclesfield District General Hospital will open a 56-bed otherwed in ward at West Peaks. bed orthopaedics ward at West Peaks, freeing space for a longawaited maternity unit in the general hospital. Two health care firms built hospitals in the town, and Bioplan found West Peaks unviable

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The British Association at Southampton: design, genetics, pollution, sea research and body scans

Genes tell the story of a nation divided

BY NICK NUITALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

when lands were colonised by Vikings. Angles and other invaders sweeping in from Europe, is still echoed in the of the nation's population:

Researchers have identified 12 national boundaries in which the genetic make-up of the people differs markedly from those living nearby or in other parts of the country, the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Southampton was told.

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The findings, based on detailed analysis of 14 different blood features including blood groups, proteins and enzymes, have been made by a team led by Professor Robert Sokal of the State University of New

The researchers believe that the blood features reflect the different genetic sequences that are common or rare in the peoples living in those areas, which in turn reflects their

ADULTS who feel inadequate as they struggle to cope with a

blinking video recorder or a

flashing microwave oven

should blame the makers

Harold Thimbleby of Stir-

ling University said yesterday that designers of household

equipment appeared obsessed

with creating an increasingly

bewildering array of buttons rather than machines that

were easy to use. Manufactur-

ers had the temerity to suggest that bewildered adults should

eek help from their children.

that children were more suc-

cessful because of their habit of

pressing scores of buttons at

random and for many hours.

Adults, however, tried to apply logic to devices that defied

He said that his home video

recorder and television togeth-

er had more than 105 buttons.

than 25 buttons and tiny

1.5mm high, and the frustra-

tions of working them had led

to accidents in which pedestri-

Professor Thimbleby urged

manufacturers to cast aside their enthusiasm for sophisti-

cated displays that would in-

crease their profits. They should return to simple ergo-

nomic designs with clearly written manuals, he said.

☐ Researchers in Cambridge

have developed a pager-sized

device that will remind work-

ers to pass messages to their colleagues. The users will pro-

gramme the mini-computers with details of messages and their intended recipients. The

devices communicate with in-

fra-red beams and when two

colleagues meet an alarm

sounds and a screen displays

Details of the device were

disclosed by Abigail Sellen of

the Rank Xerox EuroPARC in

Cambridge. Dr Sellen said people relied on passive mem-

ory aids such as diaries and

notes, and on watches with

the reminder.

bleeping alarms.

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Many car radios had more

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such thought processes.

Professor Thimbleby said

Nick Nuttall writes).

different racial pasts. Derek Roberts of Newcastle Unive sity, who has spent much of his working life collating the data on which the study was based, said that some of the boundaries could be linked with historical evidence indicating that as new invaders arrived older racial groups were pushed farther west and

One boundary cuts through East Anglia, separating Suf-folk from Norfolk Historical evidence indicates that different groups of Angles settled in those areas and that is reflect-ed in the different dialects of today. Other boundaries sepa-rate the northwest Highlands from the Outer Hebrides and Northern Ireland from Scotland's west coast.

Boundaries are also found along the Marches between England and Wales, dividing East Anglia from Yorkshire and Humberside and the Orkneys from the rest of the

Handy reminder: the

Cambridge 'notebook'

She said that she envisaged

the installation of infra-red

devices on equipment such as coffee machines that could

trigger reminders about who

liked sugar or low-fat milk in-

their drink. In the future the

devices might be triggered by infra-red devices installed in

shops and would display a list

of groceries or other goods

Makers blamed for

baffling technology

Scottish mainland. "One also picks off the southwest penin sula. It picks off Devon and Cornwall from the rest, which was really quite surprising." Professor Roberts said. The popular view was that Corn-wall and Wales shared a Celtic past, which should be reflected in a similar genetic make-up. Malcolm Smith of Durham

University said that the genes in the two areas were "not especially similar or as similar as one might expect if they were both Celtic founded populations". It was possible that the strong Celtic tradition of Cornwall was cultural rather than based on large numbers of Celtic settlers.

Studies have also found that the genes of the populations of the central Lake District are closer to the population of Norway than are the populations of Carlisle, Whitehaven and the rest of Cumbria. The findings match historical evidence that the central Lake District had a Viking past, illustrated by such place names as Rydale and

Professor Roberts said that the population of the Orkneys appeared to be the most ancient, at the limit of northwest Europe's genetic makeprevalence of certain proteins linked with auto-immune diseases such as multiple sclero-sis, which was reflected in the health of those islands. Professor Roberts said the higher peddence of stomach cancer in North Wales might also reflect different historical settlement

The increasing opportunity of travel and a rise in racially mixed marriages has prompted some researchers to suggest that inherited disease might decline as fewer people marry within the communities where they were born. Professor Roberts said, however, that this was not likely to be the case. He said the new people coming in were bringing with them different genetic dis-eases. Sickle cell anaemia from the West Indies, for example, was one of a number of diseases unknown in Brit-



Dr Sellen: envisages widespread use of computer

Sk's the limit: the astronomer Heather Couper addressing delegates at the British Association meeting sterday. She said that astronomy was not an esoteric science, but one that was increasingly accessible

Waves grow Rivers blamed for dirty coast taller in By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR MOST pollutants found in **NAtlantic** the pollutants reaching the

National Rivers Authority.

authority's chief scientist, told.

the annual meeting of the

British Association yesterday

that a £1 million survey of 129

rivers, 131 sewage outfalls and 105 industrial outfalls

had revealed the route by

which nine of the most hazar-

dous pollutants reached the

The pollutants included

metals such as mercury, cad-

mium, zinc and copper, and

chemicals such as a polychlori-

nated biphenyls, pesticides,

the source of more than half of

BNIGEL HAWKES STENCE EDITOR

THE Nith Atlantic is becoming rogher. Observations from wether ships 300 miles West of leland and the Seven Stones Lihtship off the Southern tip of Cornwall have shown hat average wave heights icreased by about 30 per cent a the past 30 years. Sheldo Bacon, of the Institute of Decanographic Sci-

ences' Dacon Laboratory at Wormleyin Surrey, outlined the puzzleg data yesterday to the assocition's annual conference. A Seven Stones, the vive height increased from 1.8 metres in 1960 to 2.4 mets in 1985, when observation ceased because Trinity Huse made the light-ship autonatic. This increase is matche at the more northerly statics. Overall, he said, the increae was 30 per cent -

or I per cht a year.

Waves re caused by wind and the crious feature of the observatios, first reported in the late 180s, is that there is no corresponding evidence of stronger ends. To try to find the causeMr Bacon studied satellite prtures of the atmosphere our the Atlantic and found a sady increase in the average dierence in pressure between te low over Iceland and the igh generally found over the kores. This change correlated closely with the increase wave heights. Al-though e winds are no stronger, sey may blow more consistent in the same direction that before, possibly because othe pressure trends. This wold enable larger waves to built up by winds of the sam average speed.

the sea around Britain's coast sea, with the balance coming get there through the rivers,

according to a survey by the industry based along the Jan Pentreath, the

Three-quarters of the lead and 88 per cent of the nitrate, for example, came down rivers. One of the few exceptions was cadmium, of which more than 60 per cent came from coastal industry.

Dr Pentreath told the association that it was essential to know exactly how all these chemicals got into the sea so that they could be controlled more effectively.

The real and difficult task is that of reducing the input of cularly insecticides, herbicides,

companies by the National Rivers authority for discharges amounted to "legalised Ms Mayer added: "Not only does this allow toxic chemicals to be discharged into our

rivers or through sewage out-

The authority's approach

was attacked by Susan Mayer

from the environmental pres-

said that the consents given to

falls," Dr Pentreath said.

waterways with impunity, but often allows discharge of chemicals which have not even been characterised. Therefore many pipelines

are completely unregulated, the companies responsible cannot be prosecuted; only the

Machine offers hope for liver patients

A BODY scanner developed by British researchers may children with liver disease and help in the design of artificial breasts for mastecto my victims. It would also cut to take inside leg measure

ments (Nick Nuttail writes).
The scanner, called the
Loughborough Anthropometric Shadow Scanner, has been developed by a team in the human sciences depart-ment at Loughborough Univ-ersity. It uses four narrow shafts of light to plot a subject's shape, size and area.

ing with Marks & Spencer and artificial breast makers to improve the design of bras for women who have had breasts removed. The scanner would calculate the amount of tissue removed during an operation.

The developers are also working with scientists at the Department of Child Health at King's College Hospital, London on a link between liver diseases in children and the surface areas of their bodies. It is hoped that three-dimensional images can improve treatment.

Better understanding of people's shapes may also lead clothes, furniture and cars. Visitors to a tailor of the future may find themselves standing in a body stocking on a turntable, with images fed into a computer. The information could be turned into a two-dimensional pattern within minutes, from which a suit could be cut.

urements suffer subtle forms of rejection even when those they meet try very hard to conceal them. Ray Bull, of the University of Portsmouth, said research confirmed that disfigured people were pitied, subordinated and ignored by those they met.

In one experiment, a re-searcher tried knocking on doors collecting for a chil-dren's charity. At some doors she had her normal appear ance while at others she had a small port-wine stain painted

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Top schools A-level league in The Times

THE first ranking of A-level results to compare state and independent schools will appear in The Times on Saturday. At least 250 leading schools will be named in the performance of the two

This year's improved per-formance at A level has produced marked fluctuations in the positions of state schools at the top of the league tables. Independent schools are expected to show similar improvement. The feature will chart the leading independent schools' results over the past five years. The result will be the most comprehensive picture yet of their A-level performance, a yardstick against which others can be judged.

Holiday quiz

Fancy a challenge this bank holiday? Then order this Saturday's Times to be sure of your copy of the Jumbo crossword. You could win one of five E50 prizes.

Quorn Hunt men convicted in private firearm prosecution

BY CRAIG SETON Sheoshed when a fox went to

ground in a wood and was dug out and shot dead by Bens, who did not hold a

TWO employees of the Quorn Hunt in Leicestershire were found guilty of firearms of-fences yesterday following a private prosecution brought by the League Against Cruel Sports. The league presented video evidence taken by an undercover activist which showed a fox being shot.

Appearing before magistrates at Loughborough, Leicestershire, Alan Betts, 42, a part-time terrier handler of Whitwick, Leicestershire, denied possessing a 22 pistol without a firearm certificate last October. He was found guilty and fined £100. He denied an alternative charge of acquiring the pistol without a certificate and was acquitted. Christopher Doherty, 31, a kennelman who had a firearm certificate for the weapon, was found guilty of failing to comply with a condition that the gun be kept in a safe place when not in use. He was acquitted of failing to comply with another condition restricting its use to the slaughter of animals during his employ-ment. He gave his address as

the Quorn Hunt Kennels.

Tem Hart, for the league,

firearm certificate. Leicestershire police had investigated the incident, but the Crown Prosecution Service had decided to take no action. Doherty told the court he had handed the gun to Betts because he could not get into a position to shoot the fox bumanely. Humane killing of a

fox that had gone to ground was one of the rules of the Master of Foxhounds Association. Betts had held the gun for 25 seconds when it was unloaded and for five seconds when it was loaded before it was handed back. Betts, who is now unemployed, said he had not been aware he was

doing anything wrong.

The incident had been filmed by Michael Huskisson. an animal welfare campaigner who infiltrated the hunt as a devotee of the sport. Mr Hart said the case was not about whether hunting was an acceptable sport, although the league wanted it to be banned by law. It was to decide whether there had been said the prosecution followed a breaches of the Firearms Act hunting expedition at of 1968.

Mr Hikisson, a photographic nearcher who wrote down his address for the magistrate showed the court parts of h video film taken when he companied hunt supporters He said that a fox was beingheld by a terrier when it we pulled from its hole beforeeing shot by Betts and throw to the hounds. Cross-extrined by Bob An-

Surgeons the had involved 60 masked run with sledgehammers.

After the hearing James Barrington recutive director of the leagu said it had been were probaly involved in similar activies and this had Brian Tod, for the Master

derson, for the defence, he agreed he had been a press officer with the league and had used he names Mike Wilkins, Whatel Wright and Mike Polyer and that had Mike Robes and that he had also been inolved in incidents including te desecration of John Peel's rave and another involving the Royal College of

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Journalists say BBC 'lacked commitment'

Rough Justice team defects to Channel 4

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THREE members of BBC Television's Rough Justice team, including its presenter, David Jessel, have defected to Channel 4, where they have been promised greater scope and freedom to conduct more hard-hitting investigations into miscarriages of justice. Channel 4 will announce to-day that it is to launch a rival series, provisionally titled Trial And Error.

Mr Jessel and Steve Haywood, the programme's producer, said that they decided to leave the BBC after it became apparent that it was lessening its commitment to Rough Justice. The series had been cut to one edition last

BBC senior management "failed to give us much sup-port or share in any of our triumphs." Mr Jessel said. Whenever we asked when the next edition of Rough Justice was going to be on the air, they would just strug their shoulders. I couldn't stand being out back when Crimewatch UK and other such programmes glorifying the police were expanding like a great fungus. We never heard a word of thanks from BBC management when the murder convictions of both the Darvell brothers and Jacque-Nor could we ever really rely on their support whenever we were attacked by those in high

Earlier this week, Channel 4 signed a two-year contract for three or more programmes each year from Just Television. an independent production company founded by Mr Jessel. Steve Phelps, producer of the Rough Justice programme that led to the release of the Darvell brothers last month, and Mr Haywood, who took over from Mr Phelps as producer in 1989. Justice. the pressure group that sup-plied the programme with

many of its cases, also signed a contract with *Trial And Error*.

The corporation is reported to be enraged by the defections. Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC Television. said claims that it was less committed to Rough Justice were "complete rubbish". Mr Wyart, who rescued Rough Justice from cancellation in 1986 after a bitter attack by Lord Lane and a subsequent BBC internal enquiry, said: We're not reducing our com-mitment to it at all. As long as it continues to produce the goods, the BBC will continue

Paul Hamann, head of BBC documentary features, said that the programme would be extended to three editions a year, presented by John Ware, a Panorama reporter. "The British justice system has all but collapsed and the BBC remains committed to uncovering miscar-

Sources inside and outside the BBC said that the decision to increase the number of programmes was a reaction to Trial And Error. "The atmosphere is acrimonious to say the least," an insider said.

The row between the old team and BBC management began on June 30, when Channel 4 asked BBC execucharmer 4 asked BBC exemitives whether they wanted to retain the Rough Justice title. Several weeks earlier, the BBC had offered Mr Haywood an extension of contract but, on July 1, several days after he opted to leave for Channel 4, the BBC began disciplinary

proceedings against him.

Mr Phelps, who also worked with Mr Jessel last year as editor of Hand News, said: "We fiel our deal with Charmel A will present the said: "We teel our deal with Channel 4 will preserve the integrity of our work. There will be no danger of it being mixed in with other genres; I find the apparent edging to-gether of Rough Justice and Inside Story very worrying."
In the 10 years since Rough

Justice began, eight convictions out of 17 cases taken up have been quashed or overturned after appeal.



Family trait: Edward Webb, left, is aiming o emulate the 1875 Channel crossing by Matthew Webb, right

Choppy sea foils family 'double'

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE world may have adranced in the last century, but some things never change. A choppy sea yesterday forced the great-great-nephew of Captain Matthew Webb, the first man to swim the Channel to abandon an attempt to emulate his kinsman's crossing. Edward Webb, 20, a

draughtsman from Notting-ham, was just half a mile from Dover when he had to turn back Captain Webb, who swam across in 1875, may not have been impressed. Not only was Mr Webb kitted out in the latest gear, he was also winched up to a parachute

towed by a speedboat. Captain Webb crossed from Dover to Calais in 21 hours on 24 and 25 August, 1875. Although the Channel is 23 est point, he swam 39 miles as

Janet Webb, Edward's wife said yesterday: "My husband tried the crossing three times this week, but each time the weather forced him to abandon the crossing. The Meteo-rological Office has said that the weather should be better by the end of the first week of September. He won't have to cover 39 miles because nowadays we can plot currents much more effectively."

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Rail grants aim to cut road congestion

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAILWAYS will, for the first time, receive grants for projects to reduce road congestion. Roger Freeman, the pub-lic transport minister, said yesterday. At the same time, antiquated regulations governing road and rail investment projects will be overhaused to end the bias in favour of new road schemes. In an interview with The

Times. Mr Freeman said that the reforms, contained in the government's rail privatisation white paper, should help to strengthen the financial case for particular rail investment projects and make it easier for ministers to compare the costs and benefits of com-

Traditionally, investment in new road projects has been judged on the basis of a given road's contribution to reduced journey times and accidents. By contrast, investment in most new rail schemes has been required to generate an 8 per cent return before being approved by government. The different investment procedures have given rise to allegations that the government's investment rules are loaded in

favour of roads. Under the reformed investment procedure, to come into effect when British Rail is privatised in 1994, such bias would be largely eliminated, Mr Freeman said. Once BR's fixed and rolling assets are. separated, the new infrastructure authority, Railmack, will be responsible for investment in new track and signalling systems, while the government's long-term aim will be to transfer responsibility for investment in new rolling stock to the private sector. Revised investment rules will enable Railtrack to bid for

capital grants for those invest-ment schemes that help to reduce road congestion and improve rail journey times. If, for example, Railtrack could show that the proposed £500 million scheme to modernise the west coast mainline between London and Glasgow could generate £100 million worth of reduced congestion bid for a £100 million capital grant, Mr Freeman said. The remaining £400 million would be borrowed from the Treasury and recouped in charges levied on private sec-

tor operators. The net effect of the reforms would be to strengthen the case for certain rail investment schemes, especially during the annual public expenditure negotiations, Mr Freeman said.

Stephen Joseph. director of the lobby group Transport 2000, said: "We welcome these reforms to the extent that they allow ministers to take account of the wider benefits of investment in the railways."

He added that they fell far short of eliminating the bias in favour of road investment.

Schoolwear cost more in 1932

By DAVID Young

THE schoolboy creeping like a snail unwillingly to school next week will probably be carrying a Day-Gio sports bag instead of a leather satchel, will be tripping over the laces of trainers that cost the equivalent of a week's wages when his father went to school and will own a pocket calculator powerful enough to enable nim to design a nuclear bomb.

A survey by Littlewoods
Home Shopping, which
started supplying school uniforms and equipment by mail
order 60 years ago, has found
that while schooldays have changed, the real cost of school uniforms has fallen.

The average girl's symstip cost 12s 11d (65p) in 1932, the equivalent of two day, pay, while today girls wear skirts and blouses that can be bought for just over the equivalent of two hours' pay for the average industrial worker. In 1932 girls wore Panama hais, navy bloomers, a tie and black stockings that would have cost

a total of 4s I Id (25p). The main adjustment that Littlewoods has had to make in the 1990s is a need for

larger sizes.
The average schoolboy is
I llb heavier than in 1932 and the average schoolgirl 91b heavier and more than an inch taller.

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A disabled pensioner who took a wrong turning in his motorised wheelchair caused a four-mile traffic tailback on the busy A1 western bypass at

Newcastle upon Tyne.

John Pearson, 74, from
Gosforth, Cumbria, was on
his way home in his battery powered buggy. As he strug-gled along the slow lane at his top speed of five miles an hour 🍁 other drivers had to queue to pass him in the fast lane.

After five miles a police patrol pulled him over. Last right he was too embarrassed to talk about Monday's drive.

Fire kills two

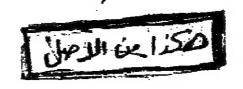
Lucy Godfrey, 5, of Great Chesterford, Essex, died of burns yesterday, a day after her sister Natalie, 3, was killed by the fire at their house.

Safe stolen

Raiders used a van to ram a bank's wall at Eston, Cleveland, attached steel hawsers to and towed it away.

Girl 'stable'

Wendy Walker, 10, of Dundee, was said to be stable in a Newcastle upon Tyne hospital more than 24 hours after being given a new heart...



Fifth successive rise in GCSE grades fuels fears over standards

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GCSE examination results have improved for the fifth year in succession, with a majority of entries reaching the equivalent of O-level standard, according to figures announced today.

The improvement, less dramatic than last week's rise in A-level performance, has prompted education observers to question standards. Dr John Marks, a member of the School Examinations and Assessment Council, said: "We have to look very carefully to ensure standards are being maintained — otherwise qualifications will be devalued.

Although the proportion of examinees awarded the top grade increased by less than 1 per cent, the rise in A-C grades, the equivalent of O evel, was 2.3 per cent. Combined with 66,000 more entries than in 1991, the result is certain to encourage stayingon rates in schools and further education colleges.

Eric Forth, the schools min-ister, said: "It is good to see so many pupils taking GCSE. The reward for the work that they and their teachers have put in is reflected in today's results. We can now look forward to seeing more stu-dents than ever continuing their education beyond the age of 16."

Of more than five million entries in England and Wales, one in eight was awarded an A grade and 51.3 per cent were given one of the top three grades. The figures suggest a per cent improvement since the last year of O levels,

Like the A-level results, to-

day's figures show significant drops in the number of pupils taking mathematics and the individual sciences. Even biology, which escaped the decline at A level, had 35 per cent fewer entries.

Direct comparisons are impossible, however, because of the large number of schools switching to the single science examination. A rise of almost 50 per cent in these entries suggested that more pupils were taking a science examination of some sort -

Popular subjects included business studies, with 17 per cent more entries, and modern languages, with entries up by almost 5 per cent. Those in decline included economics, which followed a drop at A level with a fall of 18 per cent, computer studies (down by 15 per cent) and home economics (down by almost 10 per cent).

John Edmundson, secretary of the Joint Council for the GCSE, said that he was pleased by the improved per-formances of candidates against "well-established criteria". He added: "The beneficial effects of GCSE have once through the good results being achieved at A level."

Teachers' unions sprung to the defence of their members, anticipating criticism of standards. Eamonn O'Kane, the deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "It is clear that the results are a tribute to the hard work of thousands of teachers and their pupils, and they consti-

that standards are falling. hope that we will not be treated to a chorus from the right-wing so-called experts that the improvements in marking and less rigorous standards. Such criticisms are unfair and insulting."

Peter Smith, general sec-retary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, said: "The bad news is that, to some extent, the results reflect the lack of confidence in employment prospects in manufacturing and high-tech industries. The good news, ironically, is that it looks as if children may be getting a broader type of education as they seek more flexible qualifications to help them in the depressed jobs market."

The rising pass rate will swell already rising rolls in school sixth forms and colleges. Although England and Wales still lag behind many comparable countries in post-16 participation in education, there has been consistent improvement in the past decade.

Entries in the main subject areas, known as national criteria subjects, are up by more than 4 per cent, reflecting a move back from fringe topics. The results register a sharp improvement in the core subjects of the national curriculum. There was a 9 per cent increase in grade A passes in English, an 8 per cent rise in mathematics and a 7 per cent rise in science.

Ann Taylor, the Labour education spokeswoman, said the results were "good news" but many school-leavers faced



Leader of the pack: the Rev John Smith astride a Harley Davidson yesterday and, below, the emblem displayed on his leather jacket

Biking vicar rides in to spread the gospel

THE Rev John Smith is no ordinary vicar. In Australia he is a celebrity. riding his Harley Davidson at the head of the God's Squad of converted "outlaw bikies", and counting churchmen, politicians and academics among his admir-

ers (Louise Hidalgo writes). His customary garb is black leathers, but his conversation is studied and erudite. "My role is to explode myths, such as that of the unthinking biker, to challenge false orthodoxies and make society remember the values it has forgotten," he says. This week he is in Britain and tomorrow he addresses more than 25,000 young people expected to gather for the annual Greenbelt festival in Northamptonshire.

His message is likely to be controver-sial. The church, he says, missed the point of Martin Scorsese's film The Last Tempiation of Christ. "It was an honest attempt, using the gospels, to redefine the link between the sensual and the spiritual reality. And it did what the church needs to do: it attempted to

portray a human Christ, one who struggles in a human way with temptation and with doubt."

For the past 20 years, Mr Smith, 50, has been running a ministry in inner-city Melbourne, which has focused on what he calls the fragmented sub-cultures of bikers, young offenders and drug addicts. His message is now beginning to reach Britain. Earlier this week he met members of the UK Christian Motorcydists' Association, who said they were inspired by his work.



Children do maths in the cradle

BABIES can add and subtract at the age of five months. This facility could be innate and Karen Wynn, the American doctor who discovered it, believes it may provide the foundations for the development of further arithmetical knowledge" (Alison Roberts

The findings of Dr Wynn at the University of Arizona, published in today's Nature. answer a jong-running debate on whether young children numbers of items by consciously counting or by purely perceptual, non-numerical means.

The experiments were based on the knowledge that infants look longer at unexpected events than expected ones. A hand putting either one or two objects on to a display area was shown to 32 babies with a mean age of five months and a day. Then a screen was raised and they were shown a hand either adding one object to the one behind the screen (I+1), or taking one away (2-1).

When the screen was lowered the babies could see that in half the cases the number of objects was as it should have been, but in the other half it was not. The babies looked at the incorrect displays for significantly longer than at the correct versions, proving that they understand that addition or subtraction changes a num-

Hopes rise of cure for baby anaemia

BY ALISON ROBERTS

DOCTORS may be able to cure the severe anaemia suffered by premature babies and prevent the need for lifethreatening blood transfu-sions, a blood specialists conference has been told. A clinical trial at St Thom-

as's Hospital in London showed that injecting pre-term babies with the natural hormone erythropoletin (Epo) stimulates red blood cell production in bone marrow and prevents the anaemia that affects almost all premature infants. About 5 per cent of all babies are born before the nancy and classified as premature. At the moment they are

given blood transfusions that may be infected with viruses that are harmless to adults, but can be fatal in premature babies who have no resistance to disease

Anthony Emmerson, a neonatologist at St Thomas's, said: "With transfusions there is an increased chance of getting overwhelming prob-lems from infection, particularly with cytomegalovirus, which is a common feature of Aids." CMV causes liver en-largement. jaundice and blood disorders in premature

nerson's triai showed that only 48 per cent of the premature babies who

were given Epo required blood transfusions, against almost 90 per cent of those who were given a placebo. He said: This has the potential to help the majority of pre-term

Anaemic babies suffer from heart and breathing disorders and the more premature the baby, the worse the problem tends to be. Since Brett Greenwood, the baby born 17 weeks prematurely, left Leeds General Infirmacy this week, other parents have spoken about their pre-term babies. Michael Ashford, Kent, and weighed 21oz. He is now a healthy two-

year-old. Although Caitlin MacLaren was born only 12 weeks prematurely, she also weighed 21oz. Dr Neil Martin, one of the doctors who looked after her in the neonatal ward of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury, said that he regularly saw premature babies of only 28 weeks gestation.

There is an 80 to 90 per cent chance that these babies will survive. Survivors at 23 and 24 weeks are rare," he said. There was a desperate shortage of neo-natal intensive care cots throughout the coun-£620,000 to upgrade its neo-

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Furrow of poverty traps dale farmers

and wildly beautiful part of the Yorkshire Dales, visited each summer by scores of tourists seeking the story-book vet James Herriot. It is also renowned for a cheese as highly regarded by cogno scenti as its more famous Wensleydale cousin.

But when the visitors have gone, a community remains - and like so many in the region it is hanging on by its fingertips, fighting the

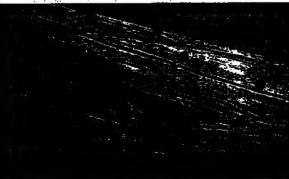
Yesterday, North Yorkshire County Council million in European grants to ensure that the people of the dales and the neighbour-ing moors can continue to work and live without fear for their future

The money is needed to save a local economy under threat from the world recession and social change that could drive people off the sion to Brussels has taken 18 months to research and has uncovered a story of depriva-

Researchers found an above average suicide rate among the farmers whose cows and Swaledale sheep browse the tough upland pastures. They also found an average wage of just £100 a

The desire of city dwellers or - veckend - homes - has forced the prices of pretty a quarter of a century, first as

Battered by the recession, a deprived community is pinning its hopes on EC grants, writes Paul Wilkinson



Uphill struggle: life on the dales is growing harder

reach of local people. Young people have been driven off the lend by poor wages, few jobs and fewer facilities.

Now there is a decline in the member of these area.

the number of those who keep the tourist honeypot going The research even uncovered a trade in traditional dry-stone walls and stone barn states, sold for cash in enhance picture postcard developments Geoff Lambert has not yet

himbed those depths, but his family's experiences are typical. He has farmed around the tiny Coverdale hamlet of Bradley for almost

stone cottages well above the "a tenant, latterly as owner of

1,300 acres of rough At 53 he has no plans to forsake the hills, but his oldest son toyed with the idea when he could not find a house for his bride, and another son has to live in a council house 22 miles away in Richmond because he cannot afford a home in the dale although he works there. Mr Lambert's youn-

gest son is moving away to study electronic engineering. "Now my eldest boy has married I have to pay him a proper wage, but before that he accepted meagre money hecause he knew it was a way of keeping the farm run- business ventures.

wanted to build them a house, but the national park wouldn't let us. I finally had to convert a barn. Houses in the village are going for astronomical prices. One sold in six weeks recently with an asking price of £174,000. There's no way a young man can buy something like that.

When I started off I was doing as well as anybody else, but now I reckon we are all on a below-avera wage." Prices for his lambs have halved in the past year with the ending of guaran-teed minimum subsidies and he calculates his gross income has dropped 40 per cent in less than two years. North Yorkshire's effort to

change the area's economic climate comes in the form of a bid for wint Brussels bureaucrats call Objective 5b In the UK at present only the Highlands and Islands

and parts of Dumfries and

Galloway in Scotland, secparts of Cornwall and Devon have achieved such status. Objective 5b status would unlock the European Structural Fund intended to help diversify agricultural economies where there is low

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Arafat attacks Israel and US

Rabin 'using Likud policy of oppression'

From Richard Beeston in jerusalem

THE Middle East peace talks from the current peace talks, it in Washington appeared destined for their first big hurdle yesterdayafter Yassir Arafat. chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, launched a fierce attack against Israel and America.

Although this week's talks between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators appeared to have opened on a positive note, Mr Arafat suggested yesterday, in a speech before the United Nations in Geneva that Israel's offer to allow Palestinians to hold elections for an administrative council in the occupied territories fell far short of his minimum demands. Although Mr Arafat and his Turus-based



Four die in **West Bank** gun battle

By RICHARD BEESTON

JENIN, the Palestinian market town, yesterday reverberated to the sound of automatic gunfire as Palestinian guerrillas and Israeli security forces fought a seven-hour battle that left two Palestinians, an Israeli police officer and an Arab housewife dead. Two infants and a second women were seriously injured.

The incident, one of the bloodiest gun barries in the occupied West Bank, occurred in the early hours of the morning when an Israeli undercover unit of the paramilitary border police stormed a house in the eastern part of the town. As the leader of the unit, Captain Eliyahu Avraham, entered the building he was killed by automatic rifle fire. forcing his fellow officers to

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After a seven-hour siege, marked by sporadic ex-changes of fire, an Israeli police anti-terrorist unit overran the building and killed two Palestinians, both members of the Black Panther group loyal to the mainstream Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

is widely acknowledged that the Palestinian delegation at the negotiating table takes all its instructions from the veter-

an guerrilla leader.
Mr Araiat began his address by launching a broadside against Washington for its policies in favour of Israel and went on to accuse the new left-wing Israeli government, led by Yitzhak Rabin, of practising the same policies of "oppression, repression and terrorism" as his predecessor, Yitzhak Shamir, of Likud.

"We consider there to be a flagrant bias in favour of the Israeli position and a cause or a reason to abort the peace process."- Mr Arafat said, referring to President Bush's decision earlier this month to grant Israel \$10 billion (£5 billion) in loan guarantees, even though the new Israeli government did not completehalt the construction of lewish settlement housing in the occupied territories. Although Mr Arafat con-ceded that the Israeli election

results in June did represent a defeat for the policy of "war and procrastination" of the former Likud government, he nevertheless gave a warning against trusting Mr Rabin. "We have seen how Mr Rabin's statements since he took office contradict his actions on the ground. He gives the world sugar-coated words and pursues an iron-listed policy on the ground," he said. Possibly his most important declaration was the outright rejection of Israel's offer on Tuesday in Washington to allow the 1.8 million Palestinians in the occupied territories to hold elections next year for an administrative council, which would take over the running of "15 spheres of authority" from the Israeli military administration in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Although not all the details of the plan were revealed, the Israelis proposed that polling for the new authority could spring, when Israel would begin the transfer of authority of some sectors of government, such as agriculture and education, to the Palestinians. However, the Palestinians are insisting that they want to elect a far larger and more powerful legislative assembly, which could become the basis of a parliament for a future Pales-

The whole world realises that there can be no peace or stability on the corpses of the Palestinian people," Mr Arafat said. He insisted that Palestinians wanted total selfdetermination and not "administrative elections as it [Israel] has proposed, under the guns and cannons of its

Shanghai wrestles with candid Pinter

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINA is staging its first adults-only play with a pro-duction of Harold Pinter's The Lover, daringly pre-senting marital infidelity on stage. The play was awarded the Chinese theatre's first X-rating as it focuses on the sex life of a husband and wife, complete with a scantily clad female lead and figures glimpsed in intimate em-braces behind a glass

The Lover is being staged in Shanghai, which in the days before the Communist takeover earned a reputation, which it is fast regaining, for loose living. To a viewing public which has had nothing to watch for the past three years but films glorifying the late Chairman Mao, the production is a breakthrou It attracted a self-out audience on its first night, mostly university students and people from the art world.

The Liberation Daily newspaper reported that several members of the had emerged from the theatre rather perplexed. Expecting titillation, the audience was also served up the themes of betaval, futility and alien-ation, all of which is about as daring for China as sex. Written in 1963, The Lover tells the story of a busband and wife who pretend that

they are cheating on one another. But the wife's mystery lover turns out to be her husband in disguise. The Lover was staged just once before in China, at Peking's Gentral Academy of Drama, but was judged so corrupting that no mem-bers of the public were allowed to watch it. After the closed-door performance, the China Daily commented that such plays would be sure to spark some debate if they were ever staged in China".

Experimentation on the cultural scene in the late 1980s was brought to a shuddering halt after the army opened fire on un-armed demonstrators in Tiansumen Square in June 1989, provoking a hardline backlash. But after a three-year relapse into the sti-fling confines of Maoistart. complete with Cultural Revolution operas, a more liberal trend is emerging.

Early this year, Deng
Xiaoping the senior leader,
called for capitalist-style

economic reforms. Mr Deng, 88, did not appear interested in any other sort of loosening up, but it has followed Recently, Li Ruihuan, a reform-minded member of the polithuro that not all art had to have outrageous remark for any loyal Maoist.



Common cause: Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, hugs Oliver Tambo, former president of the African National Congress, at a UN conference in Geneva on the Palestinians' future

Bomb kills nine at Algiers airport

A POWERFUL bomb ripped through a crowded Algiers airport terminal yesterday, killing nine people, wounding more than 100 and devastating the building. It was the worst attack since a wave of bombings and shootings started in February.

The official news agency APS quoted Belaid Abdesselam, the prime minister, as saying half the wounded had been able to leave hospital after treatment. Nobody claimed responsi-

bility for the explosion, which wrecked much of the international terminal building at Houari Boumedienne airport. about 12 miles from the capital. Earlier attacks in which more than 100 security force members have been killed have been blamed on Muslim extremists.

Witnesses said the terminal was packed with people who fled as the false ceiling came crashing down, hitting dead and wounded lying on the floor. Abandoned luggage lay covered with debris from the blast. The explosion demolished offices and shattered thick, 30-ft high windows running the length of the terminal, leaving ankle-deep

Colamere, a 53-year-old French businessman working for the German firm Krauss people were inside. It was a powerful, professional bomb, not home-made."

Another French business man, Armand Ajjoun. 45, who was returning to Nice from a business trip, said: "It was incredible. But everyone helped the wounded, who were just lying everywhere. It was impossible to say whether they were dead or alive."

Another bomb, said to be a crude device, exploded inside the Air France office in central Algiers about the same time, witnesses and Algiers radio said. The radio said a warning telephone call had been made three minutes before the explosion, and the building was evacuated. Nobody was hurt.

An Algiers resident said another bomb was defused in

the central Place Audin. APS said the Swissair office was also evacuated after a bomb

Muhammad Hardi, the in-terior minister, speaking on Algiers Radio, promised "draconian measures" to prevent

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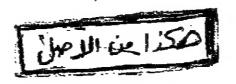
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Major tells Serbia to stop grabbing land

THE London Conference opened yesterday with a strong warning to Serbia that and much tougher sanctions acquisition of land by force, stop the fighting in Bosnia and halt the expulsion of

Bosnian Muslims. World leaders also insisted that they would never accept the forcible division of Bosnia or the carving up of an internationally recognised country. They called on the leaders in Belgrade immediately to fulfil their promises to

Opening the conference, John Major told representatives of at least 40 countries, organisations and the former Yugoslav republics that world opinion would not forgive anyone who impeded efforts to try to stop the war. He said: "The people whorn we represent have been appalled by the destruction, the killing, the maiming, the sheer cruelty which has disfigured

Mr Major said that the conference had four main tasks. The first was to help the hundreds of thousands of refugees as winter approached. "This is not a natural disaster, it is a manmade disaster. It needs a manmade solution." Help could not be given by force, but it

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must ensure respect for hu-man rights. "At present that is not happening. Civilians are detained against their will and subjected to ill treatment, especially in Bosnia. Those detention camps must be shut. But while they exist, humanitarian agencies should have immediate, unimpeded and constant

access to them."

The third task was to nobilise international pres-sure behind the fundamental principles of a settlement. Frontiers could not be altered by force. "The international community will not accept that Bosnia can be partitioned by conquest." Minorities were also entitled to full protection.

Mr Major said the fourth task was to increase pressure on governments or factions principles. Serbia and Montenegro had to ask themselves whether they wanted to be considered part of Europe and the world community. If so, they would be helped. If not, "the pressure will inexorably increase condemnation, isolation ... no trade, no aid, no international recognition or

role, economic, cultural, political and diplomatic isolation". Boutros Boutros Ghali, the eral and co-chairman of the

LONDON CONFERENCE:

bian leadership. Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, went further and spoke about Belgrade as the "main source of evil. The Serbs were engaged in a ruthless war to create an ethnically cleansed greater Serbia. What is happening here is genocide and this we condemn before the world community. The community of nations will pursue all crimes no matter who has committed them. Let no one believe that these atrocities will

conference, agreed that fron-

tiers could not be changed by

force, only through legal and peaceful channels. He gave a

warning, however, that the

UN was now being asked to take on a role far beyond its mandate in former Yugosla-via. "The expectations of the

international community ...

sources and capacity of the United Nations Protection

Force. I wish to insist that the

UN mission, with its present

mandate, cannot by itself bring this crisis to an end or a durable political solution."

He complained that the European Community was

not sticking to the agreed division of labour. He said Europe had vast moral, economic and military resources. It should co-operate fully with the UN Security Council.

He gave a warning that if all

new states broke down accord-

ing to ethnic, religious or

linguistic groups, there would be no limit to fragmentation. Systematic killing of minor-ties could not be tolerated.

He said declarations alone would not bring international

Speaking for the EC presidency. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said suffer-

ing in former Yugoslavia was not an act of God, but the

result of blatent aggression. He blamed especially the Ser-

be forgotten." The conference got off to a less than promising start when Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, walked out, protesting at his observer starus. He said that he had come to talk, "not sit in a sideroom". the territories". One British official described the walkout as "pure theatre", and predicted: "He'll be back for lunch.

wants ... but he's got to do it in the corridors." Mr Karadzic was duly back at lunchtime. Borkum: President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. said after a meeting on the German North Sea island of Borkum yesterday that the international community should provide winter aid for refugees in former Yugoslavia and that the EC in particular should offer help. (Reuter)

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Tactical withdrawal: Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, walking out of the conference in London yesterday in protest at his observer status. The gesture was described by one British official as "pure theatre" and Mr Karadzic later retorned to the conference

Silajdzic presses for 'no-fly zone'

BOSNIAN

DIPLOMACY

Bosnian demand was a with-drawal of Serb troops to

Serbia. When it was pointed

out that the vast majority were Bosnian Serbs, he said: "We

have contrary information."
He said that if the London

conference produced no clear

demand for the Serbs to leave. it would have become "a

Mr Silajdzic described the

conference's call for a code of

civilised behaviour as cynical.

"Bosnia is one big bleeding wound, and if they really believe in this then they must

be completely out of touch."

Mr Silajdzic refused to be

drawn on Croatian designs on

his republic's territory. How-

ever, he vigorously denied that

Croatian and Serbian forces

could be equated, saying that

the Croats were not pursuing a

policy of ethnic cleansing. Mr Silajdzic said neither Radovan

leader, nor Mate Boban, the

Bosnian Croat chieftain, rep-

resented their people.

Bosnia has condemned the

creation of an autonomous

Croat territory in Herzegovina

and there are severe tensions

between the predominantly

Muslim Bosnian forces and

their nominal Croat allies.

Croat troops have seized Serb

civilians and committed atroc-

ities but the Bosnians, deeply

distrustful of the Croats, have

heen forced to tone down any

criticism as the Croats are the

only military force seriously capable of fighting the Serbs.

licence for murder".

IN A clear attempt to shame the West into taking tougher action on Bosnia, the republic's foreign minister is to demand that an Iraqi-style "no-fly zone" be enforced over his country. Haris Silajdzic said the request would be made to the American government but he lamented that "whatever the Americans try to do the English and French are in the way."

since the Bosnian war began, Mr Silajdzic has toured the globe drumming up support for his beleaguered country. Mr Silajdzic predict-ed that, unless the "aggressors" were driven out soon, the Bosnian war would be a drawn-out conflict.

Bosnian Serbs are using warplanes left behind when the Yugoslav armed forces pulled out of the republic. They are based in the northern city of Banja Luka, where they are protected by missile batteries. Bosnia has frequently claimed that jets flying from bases in Serbia are also used. an allegation vigorously de-

Mr Silajdzic said that after all that had happened in Bosnia, the UN and the European Community were "still talking about steering committees", a reference to the six working groups planned to follow the two days of talks at the conference. "I couldn't believe it when I heard [Boutros] Boutros Ghali [the UN secretary-general| talking about them ... it was as though he'd made some sort

of discovery."

Mr Silajdzic said the key

over Bell coverage

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

KATE Adie, the BBC's chief news correspondent, was sent to Bosnia yesterday to replace Martin Bell, the veteran war correspondent wounded in a Sarajevo mortar attack on Tuesday.

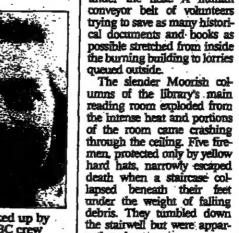
went further surgery at the private Princess Grace Hespital in London after X-rays located another small fragment of shrapnel in his body. He was reported to be in good spirits.

Adie, a veteran of numerous foreign conflicts, was in Sarajevo last night. She is joined by a new tree - carneraman John Daley gast sound recordist Paul Francis. The BC said satisfacts in had thought long and hard about sending in a hard about sending in a replacement for Bell.



SARAJEVO'S much-loved old town hall, a graceful Moorish

Bell, 53, yesterday under-



Adie: backed up by a new BBC crew

Adie takes Jewel of the capital destroyed by fire

town hall, a graceful Moorish building used as the Bosnian national library, was blazing out of control yesterday after the capital came under bombardment overnight. Firefighters struggling with low water pressure managed to extinguish the flames several times during the night but the building, in the heart of the city, kept coming under renewed attack.

"I loved this building very during the days of the Aust Hungarian empire an opened in 1896, was a sour of civic pride. Its mix imposing masonry and archectural trivolity captured the likely to have a heavy psych logical impact on the city "I loved this building very much ... Sarajevo will not be the same without the library." residents, who have been li

ing under siege by Serbis forces for several months. said one onlooker. "Even on fire the building is very The fire started shortly afti 10pm on Tuesday and kept i igniting and growing. Effor to extinguish the fiames we hampered by low water pressure. The mains and pumpir By mid-morning the north and central sections of the crenellated four-storey build-ing were engulfed by flames. system have been damaged Windows were exploding out into the narrow streets and the months of fierce urban wa fare. "We have been fighting this fire all night, but we do: building's stone north wall was cracking and collapsing under the heat. A human

have much water pressure said fire commander Kena Slinici. There have been me tars falling here for hours. makes the job very difficult. A German military tran port plane was hit by gunfi while taking off from Saraje sirport on Tuesday, b

reached Zagreb without pro lems, a German defen spokesman said. The crew the turboprop aircraft did n notice they were being fired; while leaving the capital, but bullet hole was found in the plane after it landed in the Croatian capital, he said. was the first time a Germa military transport plane ha been shot at since Bonn joins the airlift to the city six week ago, he said. (Reuter)

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Andrew baffles then batters Louisiana

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

Yugoslav delegations with observer status: Bosnian Serbs (Radovan Karadzic), Bosnian Croats, Kosovo

Other delegations: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), Denmark, EC

(Jacques Delors), France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Organization of Islamic Conference, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, International Red Cross (IRC)

Albanians, Voivodina Hungarians

Kiro Gligorov Macedonia

Alija Izetbegovic

Herzegovina

IN ITS pursuit of the dubious constantly changed direction. distinction of being the costliest natural disaster in American history. Hurricane And-rew ripped into the southern state of Louisiana early yesterday, bringing more howling winds and driving rain.

Andrew came in from the Gulf of Mexico under the cover of darkness, just as it had done in Florida on Sunday. And again, it kept forecasters guessing until the last moment. Instead of hitting New Orleans, Andrew veered off to the west and struck unsuspecting areas in the marshlands of Cajun country.

As Andrew approached the

tion hopes suffered a further

showed that the small but

significant gains he made in

opinion polls during last

week's Republican conven-

tion have almost completely

disappointment at the poll.

carried by The New York

Times, by claiming that all it

the electorate, and they pre-

dicted there would be con-

stant shifts in the voters

allegiances in the coming weeks. One Bush campaign

illustrated was the volatility of

Republicans masked their

evaporated.

tracker aircraft above Andrew. Lieutenant Colonel Gale Car-ter said: "It's like riding a roller-coaster blindfolded." As a precaution before the

hurricane struck, more than two million people were ad-vised to leave their homes in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Many residents of New Orleans, fearing flooding in their city which lies eight feet below sea-level on the banks of the Mississippi river, had abandoned their homes to drive to what they thought would be safer areas to the west. When forecasters realcoast, forecasters tried to keep ised that Andrew was chang-track of the hurricane eye as it ing course again, people

Bush forfeits convention bounce

FROM JAMIE DETIMER IN WASHINGTON

on the accuracy of yesterday's

poll, saying that it was most

unusual to lose convention

gains so quickly. The poll places Mr Bush in

very much the same position

as before he took centre stage

at Houston last week, still

trailing his Democratic rival

by 15 points. The New York

Times gives Bill Clinton 51

per cent to the president's 36

per cent. According to the

poll, male voters have shifted

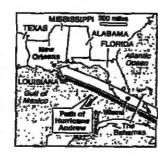
back to Mr Clinton in large

Mr Bush by 47 per cent to 40

per cent in a New York Times

numbers. Men supported

PRESIDENT Bush's re-elec-manager tried to cast doubt



turned around and headed back éast.

President Bush yesterday cleared his schedule again to visit the new disaster zone. "The destruction of this storm goes beyond anything we have known in recent years," he said. He announced the setting up of a task force to coordinate relief. He said \$10

survey taken last Thursday as

the convention ended. Now,

Mr Clinton has a 13 per cent

Women have remained

more constant in their sup-

port of the Arkansas gover-nor. Pollsters said yesterday

that they thought the attacks

at the Republican convention

on Hillary Clinton, the gover-

nor's wife, and by implica-

tion on working women, had

seriously damaged Mr

Bush's standing among women. The poll suggested

voters were most interested in

Mr Clinton's favourite issues.

the economy and health care.

lead among men.

million (£5.2 million) had been set aside to create 5,000 clean-up jobs for Florida residents unemployed as a result of Andrew. This disaster threatens to overwhelm the resources of all public and private resources," he said. Worst hit in Louisiana was

Morgan City with 12,000 residents. Witnesses described how sheets of metal sailed down the streets at the height of the hurricane like razor blades. Homes were damaged by falling trees but most buildings survived intact.

Andrew's journey from Africa has finally taken a toll of its strength. Winds began to die down yesterday to 115 mph. compared with the 160 mph gusts that hit south Florida. But Andrew made up for what it lacked in power with heavy rain and officials were concerned over the new risk of flash floods. South Louisiana is a low-lying marshland.

Andrew also spawned a series of tornados, one of which injured between 25 and 30 people and destroyed 40 to

Clean-up work continued in Miami, where 50,000 people remain homeless. Police say at least 16 people have been killed and thousands injured, and damage in south Florida is estimated to be as high as \$20 billion. Nearly one million people in south Florida. remain without electricity.

In Miami Beach, residents who have no running water or electricity bathed in the ocean. Some carried buckets of sea water home to flush toilets.

High wind, page 12 legislators in the lower house, to block impeachment. If he

Brazilian president loses first battle against impeachment

By MAC MARGOLIS IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

Mello of Brazil lost the first battle in his fight to stay in power yesterday when a con-gressional panel voted in the capital. Brasilia, to uphold a report condemning him for condoning corruption in government.

Protesters from a number of cities, their faces smudged in black paint, shouting for im-peachment, flocked to the lawns of Congress to hold a vigil as the panel of legislators announced its decision to endorse the investigation into what has been called Brazil's

worst corruption scandal. During a tense session, those loyal to the president took the microphone to de-nounce the "investigative fury" that linked Senhor Collor to the scandal. But a number of government allies broke ranks with the president and voted in favour of the report, clearing the way for a petition of impeachment that citizens' groups are expected to present to Congress soon.

The report, released on Monday, concluded that Senhor Collor not only knew of but received illicit gifts and money from a "squad" of influence peddlers and favourseekers, led by his former campaign manager, Senhor Paulo Cesar Farias. The decision of the congressional panel bodes ill for Senhor Collor, who must rally at least a third of Congress, or 168 of 503

PRESIDENT Collor de fails, Senhor Collor will be suspended from office for up to 180 days and face an impeachment trial in the Senate. It is possible that he will also face criminal charges.
Yesterday, outside the halls of congress, another wave of

protests grew, fuelling the drive for impeachment. For the fourth successive day, demonstrators took to the streets in drawn of sich to the streets in dozens of cities to demand an end to the Collor government.
On the eve of the vote, anger

gave way to festivity as some 30,000 protesters paraded to samba tunes through central Rio, while those sympathetic to the president covered them with shredded paper thrown down from the windows of office buildings. Elementary school students in training shoes and backpacks mingled with businessmen with briefcases. A military policeman smiled as a fellow officer pasted a "Down with Collor" sticker on his forearm.

"What makes us a third world country is not economic underdevelopment, but moral decadence. Senhor Paulo Melo, a congressmen for Rio state shouted over the din of the crowd. "But people are sick and tired of stealing and

At the same time, newspaper reports allege that President Collor has consulted numerous clairvoyants in the hope of finding a way of remaining in office. Thomas Gordon, a parapsychologist, is number of experts on the supernatural said to be advising the beleaguered head of state. At the end of a four-hour session, Senhor Gordon, well known among Brazilian starlets, is alleged to have urged the president to "meditate every day between 6pm and 6.30 pm", local press reports

The slender Moorish col-

ently unhurt.
The old town hall, built

Candles the colour of the green and yellow Brazilian flag apparently burn around the clock in the gardens and around the windows of the master bedroom at the president's private residence. Those candles burned the night before the second round of the November 1989 presidential elections, which Senhor Collor won with 35 million votes against 31 million for his

alleged to be Senhor Collor's favourite medium, said in a televised interview that the president would leave office only 40 days before the end of his elected term, due on January 1, 1995. The interviewer, baffled, asked whether the congressional panel would have any impact. "None," the medium replied, unruffled.

Senor Collor, a practicing Roman Catholic, has attended church less frequently this year, but his designated priest, Father Joao Luiz Mancine. says the president's faith is "undeniable" and dismisses his reported meetings with sorcerers and gurus as inven-

Lebanese ministers Perinflation. resign

Beirut: Faris Bouelz, the Leb nese foreign minister, ar George Saadeh, leader of t Christian Phalange party as telecommunications ministr resigned yesterday in prote at the government's decision to go ahead with elections (A

Karim Pakradouni Phalange secretary-general said that the resignation Chawki Fakhouri, the tran port minister, would follow.

Security sough

Moscow: Russia appealed all factions in Afghanistan guarantee the safety of plan to evacuate foreigners fro Kabul, where 1,000 peop have been killed in two weel including two Russian emba sy employees. (Reuter)

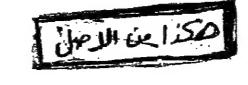
Arrests upheld Delhi: India's Supreme Cou

has upheld the detention two Britons, David Ward, 2 and Steve Hillman, 22, wi were arrested in Nagaland c subversion charges. The me belong to the Naga Vig group. (Reuter)

Rights backed

Bangkok: Burma's milital junta, accused by huma rights groups of brutali against minorities, has signe the Geneva Convention to the surprise of representatives the Karen minority. (Reuter)





Mitterrand's game of divide-and-rule comes unstuck

THE road from Maastricht has been strewn with unpleas-ant surprises for Europe's statesmen who cling to the postwar recipes for uniting the continent. To see the Danes reject the treaty was a severe blow for the architects of political and monetary union. Worse may be to come. France, the self-appointed spiritual leader of the European Community, might turn

the treaty down. Four polls released in Paris this week indicate that the result of a referendum on September 20 will be close: one survey showed the "no" campaign in front by 51 per cent to 49. Two months ago, a resounding "yes" was widely reckoned to be a foregone conclusion and likely to help France and Germany put the Danes under pressure to reconsider the treaty or leave the Community. Whatever the outcome, some of France's authority to lecture its partners on how Europe should he integrated has gone now

France's vote to ratify the Maastricht treaty, once seen as a near-certain 'yes', could go the other way, writes George Brock from Paris

that Paris cannot be sure of ratification. But President Mitterrand

and his ministers now find themselves in a hard fight with opponents whom they were deciding as eccentric backwoodsmen before the annual holiday exodus. The rainbow coalition recommending a "no" vote, which ranges from the battered Communist party to Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme-right National Front, has won the initiative and momentum by realising that undecided voters mistrust the political establishment.

Just as in Denmark, voters suspect that politicians are not levelling with them. The

d'Ormesson, the grand old man of conservative pundits. wrote yesterday. "They don't like their government, politics disappoint them, they are revolted by endless scandals. the economy is in a mess, the

future worries them."

M Mitterrand called the referendum to split his centreright opponents in the hope of restoring the Socialists' for-tunes before the general elec-tion next spring. The strategy has blown up in his face. Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former president, who is for the treaty, said when asked whether M Mitterrand was wise to agree to a televised debate next week that the president was so unpopular that his every intervention

Mitterrand's ministers are de Miterrand's ministers are de-fending a treaty packed with compromises which truly sat-isfied no leader at Maastricht. France claimed two negoti-

ating triumphs. The treaty lays down a binding timetable for a single currency in Europe, offering the prospect that the franc's subservience to the mark might be ended. But pro-treaty ministers now say that if the text had to be renegotiated, Germany might well refuse to schedule the abolition of the mark. With the European exchange rate mechanism close to breaking and Germans' resistance to losing their stable currency increasing, French people suspect that even if ratified, treaty commitments could be

The treaty's salesmen claim that Maastricht's other contribution to "building Europe" would be a joint foreign policy conferring added clout. Sarajevo has thrown doubts on that arguement. This week's



Le Canard Enchaîné asks if Mitterrand is very or pretty much alive, a little dead or completely stiff

nolls showed that almost half the electorate does not believe that Maastricht would make much difference to the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Added to that, the government is in disarray over the use of force in Bosnia. Its chosen combination of tough talk and cautious military deployment is under relentless attack for its timidity. The "yes" campaign suffers from a deeper problem shared by all governments trying to ratify the treaty: no one can agree on its main justification. The Socialist party emphasised the Community's contribution to post-war peace with a poster featuring a caricature of Hitler obliterated by a large

capitalise on anti-Americanism. "Give Europe weight" says another poster featuring a domineering Uncle Sam and a Japanese sumo

M Minerrand's nemesis is Philippe Seguin, a Gaullist former minister. Dismissed as a dinosaur in the early weeks of the campaign, he is now the man due to debate the treaty with M Mitterrand on television. He plugs a simple set of themes: no treaty can enforce the co-ordination of states determined to act individually, the power of the Brussels technocracy will be boosted, and there should be a second shot at writing a better treaty. Some Socialists are painting him as an ambitious schemer trying to displace Jacques Chirac as leader of the Rassemblement pour la République (RPR), but M Seguin's concentration on the issues make the charge un-

The "yes" campaign's slide

that the treaty will be defeated. The French state can call on great reserves of deference and loyalty when a president needs them. Ministers and treaty supporters ranging from Yves St Laurent to Placido Domingo have more than three weeks to win over voters with the spectre of collapse and disillusion in the EC if they kill off the treaty. Jacques Delors, the Euro-

pean Commission president has said little from his holiday retreat in the Auvergne but offered M Mitterrand a clue to what may be the president's fine of counter-attack. A "no" vote, he said, would be a massive loss of credibility for France". But M Delors would be bound to argue like that.

If France says "no", then the treaty will be dead. And M Delors' chances of becoming the next president of France will not look very

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Germans take stock as city clears debris of racist riots

FROM IAN MURRAY IN ROSTOCK

COUNCIL workers began clearing up the mess yesterday caused by four nights of racist rioting in Rostock. Residents seemed shamefaced as they stood in little knots outside the H-storey block where Romanian refugees had lived, staring almost unbelieving at the smashed windows and the smoke stains around them.

Ask Manfred Hamm if he is a Nazi and he becomes visibly angry. "My father was killed by the Nazis because he was a communist," he says. "I hate them." But ask him if he wants a hostel for foreigners on his "nice, clean" housing estate and he grows just as annoyed. "They are filthy," he spits.

This is the apparent contra-diction which the far right in Germany contrived to exploit in the Lichtenhagen estate here and which led to violence and the real fear in Bonn that ner-Nazi ideas were gaining eround in east Germany.

Sixty-five policemen were injured and 58 people were arrested in the east German p in on Tuesday night as up to 700 rioters battled with more than 1.000 policemen using tear gas and water cannon. The abandoned hostel remained the focal point even though the Romanian gypsies and Vietnamese families had left. More than 250 people have been arrested since the hostel was first attacked. Most have been freed pending posvible charges but prosecutors said that 12 would remain in custody and would be charged with assault.

it was not so much the chants of "Auslander Raus" from a relatively small number of young men that worried the politicians, but the cheers of pensioners and the applause from neighbours as the neo-Nazis put the boot in. The police, trying to make arrests. were hampered by the way in which the crowd protected the men who dived into the bystanders and seemed to

If the local residents did not set fire to the hostel, they did little or nothing to stop it happening, and were duly grateful that the violence forced the "filthy gypsies" to leave. Mostly, however, they blamed the police. "They should never have left the place unguarded. Then they could never have got in to start the fire." said Rita Schultz. 'We wanted the gypsies to go.

but not this way."

Everyone blamed Bonn. "Those politicians simply don't know what they are talking about when they say Germany must be a land of asylum," said Markus Lippmann, one of the 17 per cent unemployed in Rostock. They go home to a nice comfortable house while we have to try to survive on the dole and put up with the filth of the people they send here."

The feeling runs deep but in sending so many Romanian gypsies to Rostock the Wessis



Burning passions: a youth prepares to throw a stone in Rostock where 65 policemen were injured in a fourth night of rioting

(west Germans) were once more showing their distain for the Ossis (east Germans). Asylum-seekers are shared between the different German states by quota and the people of Rostock believe that they have been sent a disproportionate number of gypsies because their unhygienic lifestyle would offend people in

Up to 70 were arriving daily at the hostel which had only 320 places. The result was that newcomers camped outside. turning the neat lawns into a

filthy campsite covered in rubbish and faeces. The neo-Nazis exploited the simmering discontent. The tactic was simple. They started a demonstration with a handful of supporters who gained publicity and thus attracted rowdies from all over Germany.

German intelligence said in its annual report last month that neo-Nazi organisations were growing and events in Rostock have proved this to be true. The ringleaders were seen using two-way radios to nass messages about nolice

movements. Even in setting fire to cars, the men seemed to have been careful. Only old Trabants were set alight while the new Volkswagens and Fords were left alone, suggesting that they did not want to antagonise the proud owners of new vehicles. The aim was to win popularity by getting rid of the gypsies, and in this

they succeeded. Now the state's coalition vernment is in trouble with the liberal Free Democrats threatening to walk out. There are calls for the resignation of

Berndt Seite, the prime minister, and Lothar Kupfer, the interior minister. The police chief, Hans-Heinrich Heinsen, is complaining that his men are badly equipped and

demoralised.

Outside a church in the middle of the city yesterday a small group of young skin-

heads was certainly not demoralised. They were strutting about waving at the bemused crowds like a band of conquering heroes. It is their ability to manipulate the discontent and emotions in east Germany which is the real worry for the politicians in PEOPLE

Jagger and Hall dine in Dallas

Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall. whose marriage was reported to be on the rocks, showed up together over the weekend at The Mansion, a glamorous Dallas restaurant Jagger, 49. took a break from recording in California to visit Ms Hall. a 36-year-old model, and their three children at the couple's ranch in Lone Oak, about 60 miles northeast of Dallas. "Mick was very loving and attentive." an observer said.

Edward Lee Howard, the only CIA officer to defect to the Soviet Union, has returned to Moscow from Sweden where he went as the Soviet Union was collapsing. He is wanted in the United States on charges of selling to the Soviet KGB secrets that allegedly destroyed America's spy oper-

The South African playwrigh Athol Fugard says a picture of white soldiers dumping bodies of black guerrillas into a mass grave inspired his new work. Playland: "The photograph seemed to sum up the horrors of our Angola border war. which for South Africa was our Vietnam."

Filming of Jurassic Park has begun on Hawaii's Kauai Island North Shore. The film. directed by Steven Spielberg. is about genetically engineered dinosaurs on the rampage in a theme park.

IMF rejects Russian hyperinflation fears

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

A SENIOR official of the International Monetary Fund vesterday gave an upbeat as-ressment of Russia's economic reforms and said he saw no evidence of the hyperinflation that Russians dread. Richard Erb, deputy director of the IMF, admitted that producion figures were disappointng and structural reform was dong longer than hoped, but ne expressed confidence that he fund's end-of-year targets yould be met cleaning the vay for further credits.

Mr Erb's optimistic forecast. nade at the end of a two-day risit to Moscow, conflicted with increasingly doom laden assessments from many Rustian and some Western analysis who say Russia's inflation already out of control and fear imminent economic collapse. One such view came vesterday from Academician Nikolai Petrakov, a former adviser to President Gorbachev, who told a Moscow conference that the Russian economy had "entered a stage

of concealed hyperinflation". He accused the government of imposing "the most barbaric and cynical form of wage treeze", by delaying payment of wages and pensions for months on end. By the end of July, he said, the state's "debt" to the people was 156.5 billion roubles (£465 million at the current exchange rate), or more than 20 per cent of state revenue. He predicted that the exchange rate of the rouble would continue to fall, reaching 250 to 300 roubles to the dollar before the end of the year. The current market rate in Moscow is 168 roubles.

Mr Erb's reasons for taking the opposite view were based partly on talks with leading Russian officials, including Viktor Gerashchenko, the recently appointed head of the central bank, and partly on the visible contrast he observed between the bustling private trade in Moscow now and its absence during his last visit in December. He also cited figures for July which showed that the rate of inflation had

slowed to 7.5 per cent.

Mr Erb. while conceding that one month's figures could hardly be considered a trend, said that they were nonetheless a hopeful sign. He said:
"Certainly, there is no evidence of hypernflation developing. Concerns that prices are in the process of exploding are misplaced."

The reduction of the monthinflation rate to single figures is one of the targets set by the IMF before it will consider granting the next instalment of credit. The first tranche, \$1 billion (£500 million), was released last month.

The IMF also appears to take a more hopeful view of the rouble's strength than many Russians. Mr Erb said the fall in its value was not nearly as great as the rouble's domestic decline due to inflation. The exchange rate had held up better than might have been expected.



Yeltsin acts to stop Georgia war

By BRUCE CLARK

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday promised decisive measures to help restore peace to Georgia's Black Sea coast as irregular fighters from south Russia clashed with troops dispatched to the region by Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader. Each side claimed to have

killed dozens of men in an encounter, near the resort of Gagra, between the Georgian army and a force of 1,500 men that included many volunteers from neighbouring regions of Russia as well as local men from the separatist Abkha-zian minority. The fighters on the separatist side include Chechens and ethnic

Adygeys.

Mr Yeltsin pledged to do everything possible to help find a civilised, democratic solution" to the conflict in Abkhazia based on negotiations and the withdrawal of moons from the area.

Capri claims marble altar from Britain

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

AN ITALIAN pressure group has urged Alberto Ronchey, Italy's minister of cultural heritage, to demand the return to Capri of the priceless marble altar of Cybele from the British Museum. The request was made in a report submitted by Franco

Nocella, the secretary of the Italian branch of Feder-Mediterraneo, a non-govern-mental agency with links to the United Nations and the European Community. The two-foot high cylindrical marble monument to Cybele, the goddess of fertility venerated by the Romans, was discovered in the 1790s by Norberto Handrawa, an Austrian archaeologist sent to Capri by Ferdinand IV. It was found in the Villa of the Sea Palace that is believed to have been built by either Emperor Augustus or Emperor Tiberius. It dates to the period 30BC to

Handrawa sold the monu-ment to Sir William Hamil-ton, the Englishman active in the Neapolitan court, and it is now in the collection of the British Museum, according to reports in the newspapers II Giornale and La Repubblica. In support of his case Signor Nocella cited a resolution, proposed by 18 countries headed by Greece, under examination by the UN aimed at obtaining the return of works of art to their countries of origin. A ministry spokes-

man in Rome said a decision

on the request is unlikely until

Signor Ronchey returns from his summer holiday later this month. But Salvatore Borà, a Sicilian writer and historian of Capri who has lived on the island for 40 years, says there-is considerable support for the proposal among

landers. "Undoubtedly there is a movement favouring a return of the altar so that it can be enjoyed on the site where it was found, he said." He added that numerous Roman relies were sold by peasants to British troops when Capri was briefly a British protectorate between 1806 and 1808, and to French soldiers during the subsequent French invasion. "Archaeological associations also are interested in reclaiming a statue of Tiberius from the Louvre and other items held in New

York, Signor Boria said.
The Italian government is likely to think carefully before turning the case into an interstate controversy similar to the furore that raged over the Elgin Marbles. Italy might be obliged to return numerous Egyptian treasures held in

In Urbino, the birthplace of Raphael the authorities have received a poor response to an appeal to Rome and the EC for funds to repair a section of the city's Renaissance ramparts that collapsed in June after heavy rains. Only a fraction of the 30 billion lire (£13.6 million) needed has been disbursed so far.



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Spare us ceasefires

The peace talks will prove futile, says Martin Ivens

arajevo was burning yesterday. Hundreds of rockets, morrar shells and anti-aircraft heavy machine guns have been blasting the city from the encircling Serbian positions at a rate of one explosion every five seconds. Yes, another Yugoslav peace conference has been convened. There could be no more poignant backdrop to the circus going on at the Queen Elizabeth Centre in Westminster. The delegates turn up in their shiny suits to talk about peace, while the limits of diplomacy are cruelly exposed on the ground.

Lord Carrington evidently has begun to appreciate the irrory of his situation. He has resigned as the chief EC mediator in Yugoslavia. Revealingly, he told reporters: "I had no idea how easy it was for almost all those concerned to agree to a ceasefire or anything you suggested, with not the smallest intention of doing anything about it. Douglas Hurd loyally says the conference will build on "the good work" of Lord Carrington. He was not so kind to his old friend two months ago when I called on him at his offices at Christie's. I told Carrington that Mr Hurd was off to the UN that day to discuss Yugoslavia. He told me this could not be the case, but that evening Hurd arrived in

The acting American Secretary of State, Lawrence Eagleburger, who is also a former friend of the Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic, has yet to complete his disillusioning education. He can still express surprise that the fighting has intensified. "The Serbs obviously are intent on establishing as good a position as they can on the ground prior to the convening of the conference, and it's an outrage," he said yesterday. Perhaps he should have listened to Major Lewis Mackeroie. who served as UN commander in Sarajevo: "God protect us from ceasefires. It seems whenever we have a ceasefire the level of fighting goes up."

The official in Mr Eagleburger's State Department responsible for managing Balkans policy on a day-to-day basis. George Kenney, was not so surprised as his boss by the latest "outrage". He has just resigned in protest at what he calls an "ineffective" American response to the fighting. He told The Washington Post that missing from the diplomatic round were "very

missing from the diplomatic round were "very strong pressures, including military pressures against Serbia to stop its campaign of genocide in Bosnia". Mr Kenney has been to finishing school. Isaiah Berlin, comparing Dostoevsky with Tolstoy, used the analogy of the fox and the hedgehog. The cunning fox knows many things, the hedgehog (Tolstoy) knows one big thing. Western diplomats know a lot about trade negotiations, the minutiae of EC agreements, Ruritania's constitution and the trade imbalance with Freedonia. Warlords in Yugoslavia are less sophisticated. They have never been to Oxbridge, Harvard or the grandes ecoles, and fall to understand the fine arts of compromise. They believe in simple things like killing their enemies and winning at all costs.

Lord Carrington once complained of the "bigo-

try and insobriety" of Northern Ireland politicians, and described the Reverend Ian Paisley as the "bigot of all bigots". He let his sentiments be widely known, and the Unionists last year objected to his appointment as an independent chairman in all-party talks on Ulster. The Yugoslavs of every ethnic persuasion, as all our diplomats agree, are also "frightful shits". In short they are thoroughly

lmost four years ago the journalist Peter Millar described the ethnic hatred Slobodan Milosevic was whipping up among Serbs against the Albanians of Kosovo, and, by extension, the Croats and the Slovenes. Foreign correspondents could see what was coming. Yet last summer, James Baker and Mr Hurd were still defending the integrity of Yugoslavia.

Before that a correspondent described the effect of a gas attack by Saddam Hussein's forces on the Kurdish village of Halabja in Iraq. Later another reporter described Saddam's Nebuchadnezzar-like ambitions in the Middle East and the triumphal arch of swords he had built in Baghdad. At the time, "men of principle" such as Hurd and Baker were running ministries still actively helping Saddam Hussein with lucrative trade credits.

This week's meeting in London of bloodyhanded warlords and smooth diplomats brings to mind the fable of the hedgehog and the fox. The ruthlessly single-minded will prevail.

Pieter van der Merwe on how the catastrophic power of hurricanes has helped shape history

s we watch the television A images of the havoc being wrought in the Caribbean and America by Hurricane Andrew, it is easy to forget that consequences have often been much worse. The "Long Island Express" hurricane of September 1938, from New York to Vermont, killed 600 and left people wiping sea-salt from windows 120 miles inland

Apart from demolition, tidal flood and up to 12 million tons of rain daily, the seabed can be torn up and straws driven into timber like darts. Cars are among the lighter missiles, with paint stripped to bare metal by flying sand. Violent seas have shifted a maximum 70,000 ton weight of concrete off its founda-tions. The Florida Labor Day hurricane of 1935 sandblasted victims to death, winds of up to 200 mph flaying them of clothes

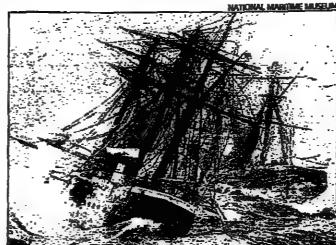
Sometimes the cyclone makes a full loop. England's Great Storm of November 1703 may have formed around the tail of a Florida hurricane. Its 8,000-10,000 dead included more naval casualties in ships and men, said a 1749 source, "than ever were lost in any encounter

A high wind in Florida

drew, local tornadoes were a by-product. At Whitstable a merchant ship was vacuumed out of the water and dropped 250 yards inland; a cow ended up in the top of a tree. The vaunted great storm of 1987 killed only three in Britain.

The word "hurricane" derives from Carib Indian language. The first English citation is from Richard Eden, in 1555, who immediately linked it to its oriental synonym, the typhoon: These tempestes of ayer (which the Grecians caule Tiphones. that is whirle windes) they caule Furacanes." King Lear's line Blow! You cataracts and hurricanos" uses the word in the now obsolete sense of a water spout. "Cyclone" was coined by the meteorologist Henry Pid-dington in 1848, after the Greek

for "the coiling of a snake". We still lack a full explanation of hurricanes. We know they form over warm seas between 5 and 30 degrees north and south



HMS Calliope escaping during the 1889 tornado in Samoa

of the Equator, tracking broadly west and north in the Atlantic and often wreaking havoc as far as New England. The beast itself is a centrifuge of winds at Beautort Force 12 minimum, 72 mph (and often double that), with a span perhaps 500 miles

across. Warm wet air rises in the low-pressure centre, cools, falls and forms heavy cloud at the perimeter. Spinning by Coriolis force, from earth's rotation, in the same way and direction as bathwater goes down the plug-hole, it pumps out thousands

Surrounding high pressure steers it erratically landward. and when terra firma cuts its water-supply it collapses.

The highest casualties have always been in the East -300,000 on the Indo-China coast in 1881 for example - and Atlantic deaths have rarely reached 2,000. An exception was the West Indies "Great Hurricane of October 1780, which killed around 20,000. Galveston in Texas lost 6,000 dead (a sixth of its population), with 3,600 houses destroyed, in 1900. Since then it has been projected by a massive I I-mile sea wall.

In the age of sail shipping, losses were catastrophic, but living Americans still remember the fate of Task Force 38, caught refuelling at sea by a Philippines typhoon in December 1944. It lost three destroyers, 146 aircraft and 790 men. In 1945, the heavy cruiser USS Piusburgh had its bows ripped clean off.
Although hurricanes radically

in the American War of Independence, not least in 1780, their most remarkable impact on world politics was at Samoa in 1889. Here HMS Calliope, under Captain Kane, arrived to find a beliense German squadron starting a colonial war with the inhabitants, who were already under protection of an equal American force. Kane's mediations were aided by the hurricane of March 15-16, from which only Callioge escaped thanks to brilliant handling and relatively advanced engines. Al six German and American war ships were wrecked, with 150 dead and heroism from all sides in a joint life-saving effort.

The outcomes were extraordinary. Bismarck hosted a Berlin conference which framed political solutions lasting until 1914. The incident also faunched the modern American navy in terms of technical advance and the global application of seapower. Robert Louis Stevenson, an eye-witness, called it "a marking epoch in world history".

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Calling the Bundesbank's bluff

Mr Lamont must have the courage to wage economic war against the

Germans, argues Anatole Kaletsky

hen Churchill rec-ommended "jaw. jaw" as a policy in

preference to "war. war", he was not, of course, referring to battles in the foreign exchanges. And he had in mind rather more accomplished jaws than those of Norman Lamont. After yesterday's collective raspberry from the world's currency dealers, the Chancellor may have got the message. The markets want action not words. Conventional wisdom in the

City has it that there is only one action tough enough to convince investors to stop selling sterling: an increase in interest rates, and one much bigger than the half a percentage point that is making Tory backbenchers and industry leaders swoon with dread. Some indication of what might be required to "defend" sterling comes from Britain's own experi-ences: in the autumn of 1981, Sir Geoffrey Howe lifted base rates from 12 per cent to 16 per cent; in 1988-9 defending the pound required a doubling of base rates from 7½ per cent to 15 per cent. Anyone who thinks that ERM membership would make a half-point increase sufficient should consider the experience of Italy, which raised interest rates to 17 per cent after the Danish referendum in June, yet is now floundering again at the bottom of the ERM. Unlike Britain, however, Italy

is a country whose economy is still growing and where consumers are net creditors, rather than debtors on a monumental scale. In Britain, by contrast, an increase of even a single percentage point in base rates would guarantee a deeper and more prolonged economic slump. This in turn, would undermine confidence in sterling, and might well counteract all of the supposed "benefits" of higher interest rates. So for Mr Lamont to opt for higher rates to defend sterling might well prove financially counter-productive. But what

else could the government do? The answer is fight back. As in any war, the first task is to identify the real enemy, the second is to assess his true objective, and the third is to launch a counter-attack. All three of these tasks have been made much easier in the last few weeks by the actions of Bunderbunk

In a series of carefully timed peeches and public statements, the Bundesbank has been engaging in an almost open battle against the politicians of Germany, America and the rest of Europe. Two weeks ago, the campaign of supposedly coordinated interventions by world central banks to prop up the dollar was openly sabotaged by the Bundesbank's director for international affairs, who stated publicly that Germany would buy dollars only at Washington's behest. Yesterday the president of the state central bank of North-Rhine Westphalia declared that ERM currencies had "potential for realignment" within minutes of Mr Lamont's promise that a realignment was out of the question. Even in Germany, the Bun-

desbank has begun to be identified as a political loose cannon, and a source of instability not only for European and transatlantic relations, but also for Germany's domestic economic affairs. The standard riposte to all criticisms of monetary policy is to recall the horrors of hyperinfiation in the Weimar



Currency out of control: memories of the great inflation of the Twenties fuel Germany's monetary neurosis today

Republic. But the unexpected increase in Germany's discount rate last month, which unleashed the present instability in the world's financial markets, seems to have shaken even the German establishment. It has provoked a series of sharp attacks in the German media by economists, trade unionists and even some opposition politicians. These culminated on Monday. in Der Spiegel, the authoritative news weekly, which ran a threepage attack on the central bank's political ambitions, entitled "Sabotage against Bonn". Spie-

gel compared the Bundesbank's secret and politically unaccountable decision-making with that of the Communist party politburo in the former East Germany. What has all this to do with sterling and Mr Lamont? The

fact is that the present turbulence in the world financial markets is not a "sterling crisis", nor even a dollar crisis, but a mark crisis. It is the mark - with its shadow, the Swiss franc - that is moving out of line with other world currencies, not the pound, dollar, franc or yen. The mark's over-

weening strength, in turn, is caused by the monetary and

Britain's misfortune is that it pinned the pound to the mark at: precisely the time that Germany's monetary policy began to fall into disarray. The government obviously has the option of as soon as the pound or any other
simply detaching the pound currency reaches its absolute from the mark, but like the floor against the mark. Such French, Italian and other Buro- intervention could have a huge pean leaders, Mr Major has pinned his entire political credibility to maintaining the present exchange-rate with the mark.

The European govern-ments have been encouraged to do this by the German government's support of the ERM and promotion of the idea of European monetary union. The Bundesbank has always opposed EMU, since it would entail the loss of its status as an independent institution. The international financial chaos in the run-up to the French referendum has now giver it a last chance to kill EMU, and this is the battle now

being played out in the foreign · Fortunately, it is a battle in which the British, French and

other European governments enjoy a big tactical advantage. Under the rules of the ERM, the Bundesbank is obliged to interand unwelcome impact on Germany's domestic money supply. The mark reserves held last year by foreign central banks were about DM 151 billion, equal to more than half of Germany's domestic central bank money stock. Every DM 10 billion of marks sold by the central banks would increase Germany's money supply by 3.7 per cent.

By intervening aggressively against the mark, the other central banks can sabotage the Bundesbank's attempts to control the German domestic money supply. If their intervention fails, the rules of the ERM, over which the Bundesbank has no control, will require Germany to flood its

money markets with ever larger quantities of marks. In order to reassert control of its domestic' money supply, the Bundesbank would then have to raise its interest rates even higher, but short of a really crippling increase in German rates, ERM rules would make it practically impossible for the Bundesbank

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to maintain monetary control. Such a campaign of aggressive intervention against the mark would lead to one of two reactions: the Bundesbank would either quickly sue for peace and hint that the next move in German rates would be downwards, or it would counterattack with a further rise in German interest rates that would cripple German industry and provoke the collapse of the ERM.

Either way, after the dust had settled, Britain would be free to start cutting interest rates. For Mr Lamont to increase rates now, instead of standing up to the Bundesbank, would not be an act of courage. It would be the monetary equivalent of shooting himself in the foot before the battle was joined.



...and moreover PETER BARNARD

have walked the perimeter. which is no picnic given the forecast occasional showers which have joined themselves have clambered over the drystone wall and taken sightings from sundry angles in the adjoining field of spring wheat, and I apologise for any diminution in subsidy this may have caused. Now I am back at the homestead, the soon-to-be famous home-stead, the photogenic home-stead, fully acquainted with what needs to be done.

I have made notes and accompanying sketches. Ideally, I should have been airborne, as he will be. Never easy to tell, from the ground, even from the top of the drystone wall, how a building and its environs will strike a man in a helicopter.

Does long grass matter? Will the crack in the side wall show up? If so, should I rush out and buy a bag of set-in-minutes frostresistant ready-mixed cement? Will the presence of the cement make the crack more visible, thus meaning that I need at least two cans of Dulux

Weathershield, the one that comes with a shaggy dog? Could I have a golden retriever in-stead? Preferably, my wife inserts, made of wood. This project has complications undreamed of when the letter came through the door.

in a plain brown envelope, without a stamp. I thought it was a bill, and indeed it could well turn into one. "Commission-Air's helicopter will be flying over your area during the week com-

mencing Monday 21st Septem-ber. At your request we will supply two (e.g. front and rear) 10" x 8" mounted aerial photographs of a property of your choice in full colour complete with negatives."

A property of my choice? Hint of a snide escape clause there, a rebuff. Is there something wrong with my property? They have been snooping around here already. I know they have. They have taken a provisional Polaroid, they have gathered in their flight briefing room and examined under a magnifying glass certain aspects of my pro-perty which suggest it is not in the round-the-clock care of overalled artisans with paint rollers and cementing trowels. But there is time yet: "You've got plenty of time to prepare, time to trim hedges and mow lawns." And: "Watch your photos being taken! Be in the garden on

We did not need the exclamation marks. We possess the reading skills. We have got the message. We shall be in the garden on The Day and on every day between this day and The Day. That is when we are not up a ladder making sure all the roof tiles are parallel, one with another, and free of moss. When we are not out buying clothes (smart-casual is our present leaning). When we are not up an even longer ladder, either removing the television aerial altogether or corsetting it with steel braces and attendant stainless-steel bolts of sufficient diameter to ensure that unconventional angle than its present one. The garden shed, there is

another worry. I bought the, roofing felt months ago, but somehow...on one side of the shed roof, the felt has altogether vanished. We know how it feels to live in Louisiana. Wind? Tail ship captains beg us to package it. But you cannot actually see the bare bit of roof, so human nature being what it is ... Inside the shed, left side, above the length of pipe that will come in handy one day, where the water comes in, well, carrots grow — and we have not even opened the seed packets yet. A miracle of mature.

From the air, though, very likely a different story. A gash on the landscape, that roof, I shouldn't wonder. An aesthetic offence likely to cause a helicop-ter pilot to slide back his perspex and toss me a note attached to a brick: Photographer has replaced lens hood, very sorry. I daresay it will be Snowdon or O'Neill or Bailey, one of those up-market snappers, known as a smudger in the trade, one of those types who is unused, when summoning up a shed roof, to finding it half undressed. The Unipart calendar this is not.

So must get up on that shed roof, soonest. Which means it is just a question of the shed. the tiles, the aerial, the quick-dry, the Dulux and the smart-casual. According so aforementioned leaflet, the cost of the two 10" x 8" complete with negatives is £69 including VAT. That is all

Gone Green

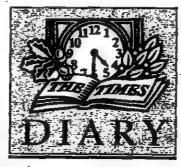
SARA PARKIN, leading light of the Greens, is quitting the party amid considerable acrimony at the outset of the conference season. After a bitter campaign against her by activists, Parkin announced yesterday that she was leaving, and denounced the party as riddled with "chronic mistrust" and blighted by internal manoeuvring which has reduced it to "political impotence".

The decision was immediately described as a "devastating blow by the Greens' senior figures, who admitted that they had kept the simmering row quiet for six months in an attempt to minimise the damage to the party since its disastrous general election result.

Her resignation letter reads: "Sadly I have been forced to the conclusion that the Green Party has become a liability to green politics. Instead of being a standand bearer, the Green Party as it is now only provides its detractors with regular proof of its unfitness to contribute to the rapidly evolving political debate."

The former party leader adds: "I see no point in squandering my time and energy and spirit fighting endless redundant skirmishes behind the Green Party barricades. There are so many real harries to be fought against the forces destroying our world."

Her departure leaves Jonathon Porritt unchallenged in the party's leadership, although Greens detest the word. He could soon face a new challenge. David Icke - he of the purple tracksuits - is planning a corneback, and is due to address the party's fringe at their conference in Wolverhampton next month. Perhaps Parkin got out just



Who is Princess Squidgy? What is the star sign of the mystery man of the Dianagate tapes? These are just some of the updated questions the purchasers of Royal Trivia can expect to find when they cough up their £12.50 for the board game which is also hugely popular in America. Royal Trivia is marketed by none other than Harry Arnold of the Daily Mirror, doyen of the royal ratpack. Arnold was unavailable for comment yesterday, on a fortnight's holiday, believed to be dreaming up new questions for the revised edition of his nice little

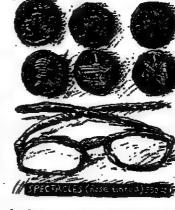
Classic howlers

PUPILS who discover that they have failed their ancient history exam, as the dreaded brown GCSE envelopes lands on the nation's doormats, have the full sympathy of the Roman Research Trust. The group, which brings together some of Brtiain's foremost academics in the subject, has denounced the examination resource books as "full of monsense".

Dr Graham Webster, the group's trustee, says that the books being used by teachers of Roman history following the new national curriculum are riddled with mistakes. "I was appalled by the nonsense i found. I filled 18 foolscap pages with serious errors and misunderstandings," says Webster. "For example they say Hadrian's Wali was built to keep out the Picts. But the Picts were sea raiders, who do not appear until the end of the 4th

century."

Another assertion - that "the legions, on order from Rome, marched out of Britain in AD 410, and then there was the Anglo-Sax-



by the trust. "No troops left Britain at this time, nor was there an Anglo-Saxon invasion," says Webster. These are totally outdated ideas from the old romantic view of

Not an EC life

WITH Lord Owen ruled out by several of the delegations to the Yugoslavian peace talks, the London conference is awash with rumous about who will succeed Lord Carrington as the EC's peace envoy.

Owen's cause cannot have been helped by an article on this page earlier this month, entitled "When it is right to fight, in which he urged the deployment of Nato airpower. Yet there seems to be no obvious alternative candidate.

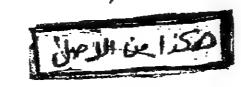
Perhaps the most eminent and qualified possibility is Hans get to 23 million guilders.

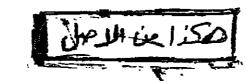
Dietrich Genscher, the former German foreign minister, who stood down last year. But it was Genscher, against Britain's wishes, who forced through early EC recognition of Croatia - a decision which the Serbs insist led to civil war.

If an alternative British candidate is acceptable, the name of Sir Edward Heath, who launched his own high-profile attempt to stop the Gulf war, may also be put forward, although his age might count against him. The same factor might rule out Lord Healey too. Some cynics at the conference

were yesterday suggesting that only a Belgian was sufficiently anodyna to do the job. If so, Viscoun Etienne Davignon, the former EC commissioner, who was supported for the EC presidency in 1984 by Baroness Thatcher, must be a contender. A more exciting option would be the flamboyant former Italian foreign secretary, Giann De Michelis, who had several supporters at the talks yesterday. With his generous waistline and unkempt hair, the Venetian socialist is best known for the top-selling guide he wrote to 250 of Italy's discotheques. He is unlikely to find many such establishments in present-day Bosnia

■ Those who think that all politicians are hardnosed cynics would have been surprised and probably delighted yesterday at the sight of Jan Pronk, the Dutch minister for overseas development, bursting . into tears in front of a Dutch partiamentary committee as he de- ; scribed his recent trip to faminestricken Somalia. Pronk was moved not only to tears but also to action. With the Dutch foreign minister safely out of the way in London, Pronk — to the astonishment of his government colleagues - unilaterally increased the Dutch contribution to Somalia's aid bud-







MARKING TIME

Those nostalgic for the days of fixed exchange rate crises had a field day yesterday. Norman Lamont was forced to make a morale-boosting statement in the street, defying speculators to do their worst. Central banks spent millions by way of support. Dealers looked to their calendars to work out when reality was likely to break through. They found September 20, the date of the French referendum on Maastricht.

Given the box into which his predecessor had imprisoned him, Mr Lamont could have said nothing else yesterday. He had to rule out a devaluation of sterling and reemphasise Britain's commitment to the exchange-rate mechanism. Anything less would have caused a run on the pound that would have made recent events in the foreign exchange markets seem humdrum. Yet since "realignments" are best made as a surprise. Mr Lamont's statement was also compatible with the very opposite of what he said. His was no guide to what is going to happen, merely a show of self-confidence, the familiar mood music of sterling crises past.

There is little prospect of a general realignment within the ERM before the French referendum. This is regrettable since the essence of the ERM is that it is not meant to be inflexible, or dependent on political events. Realignments are in order where monetary conditions demand them, as they do now. Raising interest rates in the present economic climate would be a disaster, and Mr Lamont and the entire cabinet are rightly appalled at the prospect.

However, the question of a realignment will surface straight after the French referendum, whatever its outcome. One is almost inevitable if the French vote "non". "A partially present potential for realignment" was yesterday outlined by one of the senior members of Germany's Bundesbank, who insisted that only "prestige reasons" had prevented such a realignment over the past five years. The Bundesbank later issued a public denial, but this only emphasises the extreme sensitivity of the question.

The present nurbulence may have been triggered by the slump in the dollar, which always tends to favour the mark and put downward pressure on other European currencies. But the underlying tension is due to Germany's economic difficulties, stemming from unification. What can be done to stop Germany's problem spilling on to its neighbours is the central question of European politics. The mark will not temporarily leave the ERM: removing the system's anchor would be tantamount to returning to free-floating exchange rates. A revaluation of the mark would be better, even at some risk of pushing the German economy further into recession.

A French no vote would remove any "prestige reasons" preventing a realignment. The ERM would no longer be seen as a precursor to a single currency. It would shrug off its self-imposed straitjacket and revert to the system of managed exchange rates that it originally was. A French ves vote would make the chances of a realignment somewhat smaller, but the underlying state of the German economy would remain problematic. German interest rates might have to rise again, in which case Mr Lamont would have no option but to raise rates or demand a sterling devaluation. Without a realignment, German interest rates would remain high for a long time, while Britain's economy would remain depressed and its politics in turmoil.

From a British point of view, a realignment that takes account of Germany's unusual economic position is desirable and vastly preferable to a unique devaluation of sterling. Until the French referendum, then, Mr Lamont must continue to prop up sterling through heavy intervention in the markets. After that, he must try to persuade his European neighbours that a realignment is overdue. Obsession with "prestige" is threatening to ruin their economies as well as his.

SOLDIERS OF PEACE

Is the world expecting too much of the United Nations? Does it believe that a new world order can be enforced by sending in the blue berets wherever a brush fire threatens to flare up into an international conflagration? Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, the tart-tongued secretary-general, thinks so and is not airaid to tell the big powers to stop ordering in the UN without first calculating the political and financial costs.

Sitting beside John Major at the opening of the London conference on Yugoslavia, the secretary-general yesterday repeated these criticisms, aiming mainly at the West. The UN cannot do more than its mandate. It cannot alone find a durable political solution for Yugoslavia. The world must look for a new approach for resolving this and other conflicts by collective effort.

He is right. The resources of the UN and the time and energy of its staff are stretched too thin. Since the end of the Cold war, it has taken on almost as many new peace-keeping and humanitarian commitments as in its previous 40 years. UN forces, missions or rapporteurs have been sent to El Salvador. Somalia, South Africa, Cambodia and the Kurdish areas in Iraq as well as Yugostavia. Yet few governments, least of all the Americans, seem ready to pay the bill for tossing the world's problems into the UN's lap.

On coming to office, Dr Boutros Ghali was asked by a summit of the security council to outline how the UN could strengthen its peace-making machinery, and especially how it could do more in the field of preventative diplomacy. His report, issued two months ago, was sensible, realistic and challenging. He said that enforcing the peace, in the way many were proposing in Yugoslavia and Cambodia, would demand troops much more heavily armed than those used to monitor ceasefires. The UN often needed to act quickly, drawing on forces which could be deployed within days. The managed state.

richer nations should therefore designate peace-enforcement units within their own armed forces, who would be specially trained and paid from national defence budgets rather than by the impecunious UN.

This report was given a polite but lukewarm reception. Few Western governments have yet faced up to the need to finance UN operations directly from their own budgets. Most accept the need for early action to warn of starvation, ethnic conflict and threats to international stability. But until these threats become real and fill the television screens. public opinion and hence governments care little for tomorrow's conflicts.

One part of his report, however, has been more productive. Dr Boutros Ghali insisted that regional organisations should do more to keep the peace in their part of the world. For the past two months he has accused the Europeans of unloading responsibilities that should be their own in Yugoslavia. As he said again yesterday, Europe has vast economic and military resources. Yet it had failed to respect the agreed division of labour with the UN, leaving UN soldiers exposed, their orders confused and their resources stretched. The London conference is recognition that the EC, in co-ordination with Nato, the Western European Union and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, must do its bit.

Subsidiarity applies as much to security as it does to politics and economics. The UN in New York cannot patrol the world any more than Brussels can rule Europe. Douglas Hurd pertinently asked in his Panorama interview on Monday: do we really want the UN as a new imperial power deciding that this or that ruler was bad and had to go? The UN enshrines the principles on which any post Cold war order must be based. It may deal with theats to international security but it cannot reorder the mayhem of every mis-

TIMED TO FORGET

Among this year's box of tricks brought forth by the nation's boffins at their annual summer festival is a gadget for improving on the human memory. It is a tiny computer and radio transmitter, worn like a wristwatch. Into it goes all the information that the user thinks ought to be remembered. It can be told to remind the wearer to speak to a colleague at the first opportunity. When said colleague hoves into view (presumably also wearing one) the wristwatch thing goes wild

with excitement. Would the scientists who introduced the idea to the British Association for the Advancement of Science yesterday, Dr Abigail Sellen and Mike Lamming of the Rank Xerox research institute, welcome a small suggestion? Perhaps they could even program their prototype with it if they can remember how. It is that they should speak to Professor Harold Thimbleby of Stirling

University at the first opportunity. Professor Thimbleby is also appearing at Southampton University, though in decidedly anti-gadget mode. He was reporting research into the reason why John Major's nation is not yet at ease with itself, namely that it still cannot figure out how to work the timer on its video tape recorders. From this he draws a general point. Gadgetry, particularly the electronic kind, is too complicated. Nobody over 14 can remember how to use it.

The professor says that manufacturers build in knobs and buttons galore because they think it adds to their machine's hightech selling points. The public is indeed taken in, until it gets home. At this point everybody needs a memory-prompting wristwatch, provided it is not itself subject to what ought to be called the Thimbleby Principle. Only thus will they ever be able to remember how to make all the other things work. The principle is that electronic gadgets increase in complexity until they reach the level of the user's incompetence. Designers invariably go one step too far. Carried away by what is technically feasible, they persuade themselves that all CD players, for instance, would welcome a facility to mess around with Beethoven's Fifth, to start it with the scherzo or mix it with Strauss.

To be a true Thimbleby, however, this advanced control feature must also be operated differently from every other version of its kind. Thus no two video machines will be over-complicated in the same way, so that mastering one is no use whatever towards mastering another. At least the chap who invented the wheel made sure the next one was the same pattern.

The average household now contains numerous digital clocks and timers, including the one that is crucial for video recording purposes. They also crop up on central heating controls, ovens, telephones, hi-fi systems and alarm clocks, and no doubt will soon be standard on dishwashers and vacuum cleaners too. Fine, except no two digital clocks are ever set or altered by the

same procedure. Twice a year at least, how to change a digital clock has to be rediscovered afresh by any teenage prodigy who happens to be around. They are the only ones whose brains, Professor Thimbleby has discovered, are supple enough for the mental gymnastics required. Unlike adults, they do not assume they know in advance how things work; and thus they crack the secret quicker. They even have no inhibitions about resorting to the only known antidote to Thimblebism: when all else fails, read the instructions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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UN mandate for pressure on Iraq

From the Director of the United Nations Association, UK

Sir, Marc Weller makes a number of interesting points ("Intervention plans lack specific UN sanction", August 20); but I am not convinced by his statement that when, early last year, Iraq had been deemed to have done what was required to bring into force a definite cessation of hostilities, "the mandate to use force against Iraq lapsed".

UN Security Council resolution 678 permitted the use of "all necessary means", not just to secure the implementation of resolution 660 (i.e., to reverse the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait) but also to restore international peace and security in the area. There was, of course, no time scale for the full implementation of that November 1990 resolution (678).

So, the question arises whether the action of the Iraqi government against its own citizens in the southern marshlands constitutes a threat to peace in the area. Given the Iranians' interest in the area's Shia inhabitants, there is a strong case for arguing that a threat does, indeed,

Very sadly, there remain various security council demands which the Iraqis have not yet met. I suggest that the council should send forthwith a list of all these unfulfilled requirements to President Saddam Hussein, via an influential intermediary, together with a specific timetable for their implementation.

We are fearful that, without such an approach, the UN will simply lurch from crisis to crisis in its relationship with Iraq, with little credit to the security council — and Saddam will continue to prevaricate.

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM HARPER, Director, United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. 3 Whitehall Court, SW1. August 24.

UK record on aid

From the Minister for Overseas Development

Sir, It is disappointing that the Director General of Save the Children Fund, in his interview with. Valerie Grove ("Big Brother is watching you", Life & Times, August 14), chose not to include the UK in the list of countries which "choose to channel funds through us" — all the more so because the British government has a particularly close working relationship with the SCF. My department has dramatically

increased support for the non-governmental sector in recent years. Between 1989-90 and 1990-1, the last years for which final figures are available, our support rose by 35 per cent, and I expect that the increase between 1990-1 and 1991-2 will be even greater.

Last year alone we provided SCF with over £10 million for humanitarian relief work and £3.5 million for their long-term development work. Somalia, Ethiopia, northern Iraq, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Liberia are just some of the countries where SCF have recently brought relief to victims of famine and civil strife.

Yours truly, CHALKER of WALLASEY, Overseas Development Administration. 94 Victoria Street, SW1.

Women engineers

From the Secretary of the Institute of Marine Engineers

Sir, I can readily confirm what Mr. Negus (letter, August 21) does us the credit of assuming — that we do not practise sexual discrimination in electing members to this institute.

We would welcome women to the grade of fellow with open arms. They would follow fittingly in the footsteps of a remarkable lady called Victoria Drummond, who qualified in the 1920s, had a distinguished war record, and eventually sailed the China seas as a chief engineer.

Sadly, however, marine engineering is not a branch of the engineering profession that so far has attracted many women to its ranks, and some of those who have embarked on the appropriate course of studies have not subsequently attempted to pursue a career in this field. Those who stay the course will find

no barriers to progress within the echelons of this institute. Yours sincerely, JOLYON SLOGGETT, Secretary, The Institute of Marine Engineers,

The Memorial Building, 76 Mark Lane, EC3. August 24.

National park control From the Director of the Council for National Parks

Sir, Your leader of August 18, "Preserving a park", supports the proposal that Exmoor National Park should be run as a local government unitary authority. Its boundaries would be extended to include neigh-

bouring towns.

The authority would be responsible not only for conservation, recreation and planning but also for the whole range of local authority services, from schools to social services. In effect there would no longer be a national park but a standard unit of local government. High-

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Teachers who tread on parent rights have attacked a symptom and thereby entrenched the disease. From Mr Colin MacIvor

Sir, Lady Warnock ("Trampling on teachers", August 24) complains that the governors of St Paul's Girls' School, under pressure by conservative parents, have rejected the proposals of the high mistress. She should be aware that it is no longer

self-evident that teacher knows best. For certain "professionals" it may be a bore having to persuade conservative parents of the rightness of any major innovation; but the exercise may be beneficial. I wish all the "progressive changes" proposed for education in the last 40 years had been subjected to analysis by such a concerned, sceptical audience.

In any case, in a world whereconsumers have rights and citizens have charters, it simply will no longer wash for educationists to claim the right to ride rough-shod over par-ents. Lady Warnock would have done better to address herself to the problem of recreating mutual respect between the educational establishment and parents rather than dismissing parents as reactionary, over-demanding clients.

I am sure that there will continue to be many women teachers who are eager to consider parents not as a pack of nuisances, haunted by myths, bamboozled by the press and obsessed by results, but rather as the intelligent, informed and involved partners that many are.

Yours sincerely, C. P. MacIVOR, 59d Fernhead Road, W9.

From Mr J. R. Stone

Sir, I read Lady Warnock's lament with the greatest concern. I recall all too vividly the miserable "reform" that was inflicted on my generation 25 years ago in the name of maximising the number of O levels.

Then, as now, those responsible for admissions at the more sought-after universities found it difficult to put much weight on GCE results, as these failed utterly to help them discriminate between the good can-didate and the merely efficient. An admissions tutor at Oxford, for example, who paid more than passing attention to O-level results, other than in relation to pre-A level candidates, would have been accused by his colleagues of missing the point.

In the circumstances of the late 1960s a decision to require a dozen or more O-level subjects to be studied was presented by schools as a broadening of the curriculum, which indeed it was when compared with their previous system of four O levels (done in a year), three A levels and a headlong tilt at university entrance by the age of 18.

So it is now, with this dismal insistence on the largest possible number of GCSEs. In each generation those who seek to multiply middle-school examination passes

Suicide rates

From Mr Robin Chalkley

Sir. You comment (leading article, August 22) on the paradox in society's two-faced view of prison suicides: the harsh and the humane. But there is another public paradox in the matter of suicide.

A report in later editions of the same issue implies a prison suicide rate of about one in 1,000 in 1990 and states that this is a new source of 'worry". Yet for very many years the annual suicide rate for the severely mentally ill has been about one in 10.

As you say, "prisons exist to impose a measured amount of mental suffering". The mental health services, however, exist to do the opposite. Is that not a cause for greater concern? Yours sincerely, ROBIN CHALKLEY,

Fishers Hill Cottage, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Surrey.

Dull and moronic?

It has provided dreadful jokes

spending budgets such as highways would overshadow conservation and

A national park is not a unit of local government but the highest recognition of landscape beauty. A national park authority, undis-tracted by other tasks, is able to hampion the causes of conservation and recreation and to encourage environmentally friendly manage-

terests for running a park.

Contrary to the impression created

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examinations can only constrict the educational process. The answer now is what it should have been then: worry only about those examinations which will matter in the child's future (A levels), ignore the others and use the resulting freedom to do some-thing sensible and enjoyable with

those mid-school years. If Mrs Williams, the high mistress who has resigned, described the in-evitable result of the contrary approach as an examination-induced desert she, too, was merely speaking

Lady Warnock is absolutely right to imply that in the higher reaches of our secondary education system a

concentration on public mid-school

Yours faithfully, JEREMY STONE, 90 Cromwell Avenue. Highgate, N6. August 24.

From Mr Kenneth Briggs Sir, Is it true, as Lady Warnock asserts, that universities pay "virtu-ally no attention" to lists of GCS Es at grade A? Recent discussions I had with an Oxford admissions tutor suggested not, simply because, at the application stage, there is no further firm academic evidence to go on and schools' A-level forecasts are treated

with much caution. However, as a teacher in a similarly academic school to St Paul's Giris I would certainly like to think it was true. Lady Warnock's vision of excellence and "educational imaginativeness", untrammelled by the requirements of large numbers of examination courses, presents a challenge that we in the privileged independent sector should relish.

Our pupils are, by and large, more keenly motivated than those in the maintained sector. We should be able to "sell" them worthwhile and demanding courses without the constraints of an ubiquitous examination carrot, and thereby justify our independence.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH BRIGGS, 86 The Green, Acomb, York. August 24.

From Sir Graham Hills, FRSE

Sir, Sensible people will applaud Mary Warnock's spirited defence of Helen Williams. At the same time they will question whether it is entirely consistent with her simultaneous defence of A levels.

It is this pernicious examination which drives the forces of early school where, as she remarks, they do lasting damage.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM HILLS, Sunnyside of Threepwood, Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Ayrshire.

A name for the adopted

From Mrs Philippa Seligman

Sir. Heather Kirby's article, "Adoption and adaptation — a father's dilemma" (Life & Times, August 25), highlights the need for care when choosing words to differentiate be-tween children born into a family and those brought in by adoption. To refer to the former as "natural" implies that the latter are unnatural. Similarly, the often-used "biological" sounds like a soap powder.

Perhaps the best we can do is "birth child" and "adopted child". thus permitting "birth mother" etc. Terminology influences society's attitudes, and vice versa.

and instant, commercial hits at the

same time as extraordinary new

music. As a result, British music still

rules the world, mainly thanks to Radio One having the guts to promote fresh talent (something that

never happens in America - even on

the live concert coverage that Radio One provides? Hasn't she noticed

that the best innovative American

groups and artistes break in the UK

first and only then get picked up by the stunningly conformist US radio? I thought Miss Daley's piece was

dull, patronising and moronic.

UK Records Communications and

Hasn't Janet Daley appreciated

Yours sincerely, PHILIPPA SELIGMAN (Chairman, Association for Family Therapy), 22 West Orchard Crescent, Llandaff, Cardiff.

From Mr Jonathan King

Sir, Janet Daley ("Roll over disc jockeys", August 18) slams Radio One as "dull, patronising and moronic", knocking the "perpetual phone-ins". They don't have phonein programmes on Radio One.

Despite general BBC hierarchy distaste for "pop music" and with very little support from the British music industry. Radio One has in fact spent a quarter of a century promoting British artistes in a very difficult position. With a duty to appeal to all listeners, because of its harter and instructions from the BBC board, it has trodden the risky path of combining mass-appeal and pioneering spirit.

alongside intelligent documentaries

August 18. recreation work.

The issues you address were considered at great length in 1990 by the national parks review panel. chaired by Professor Ron Edwards, which concluded that the current mix of predominantly local but also national and strategic interests represents the best balance of in-

by your leader, two thirds of those who serve on a national park authority are councillors from the park and its environs; people who have been elected to serve their local

Best wishes,

Entertainment,

JONATHAN KING.

66 George Street, W1.

college radio).

communities. Importantly, the other third is made up of local people with expertise to offer who have been invited by the secretary of state to serve the national interest in the parks. The priority should be to make the park authorities more effective by

introducing the promised national parks legislation and not to dilute them by absorbing them into local Yours sincerely,

AMANDA NOBBS, Director, Council for National Parks. 246 Lavender Hill, SW11. August 19.

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Council tax and housing market

From the Director of the Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation

Sir. Tony Travers ("Worse than poll tax?". August 18) may be guilty of a little midsummer exaggeration in his description of the dire effect the introduction of the council tax is likely to have on the housing market next year.
It is academically correct, all other

things being equal, to say that to switch from a person to a property tax will depress property values. But the reverse clearly did not happen when the poll tax was introduced in 1989 in Scotland and in 1990 in England. House values fell during that period, at a time when they should have been stimulated by the tax switch, at least at the upper end of

the market. The fact is that the effect of the tax changes was then swamped, and may well be again, by the much larger repercussions of interest-rate policy, confidence in the economy and the availability of credit. In any case, the effects of the switch for house owners were masked then, as they will be now, by the government's "transitional relief" arrangements, specifically designed to cushion the impact of higher bills where these

arise from a change in system. · My guess is that the impact of the council tax valuation exercise on what remains a very fragile housing market may come rather earlier than April next year, when the tax arrives. The draft valuation lists are becoming available to local authorities and will be published in December.

Even though the bandings have been related to a valuation date of April 1991 — before the latest drift downwards in prices — they do appear, particularly in London and the south-east, to be at the very low end of most people's expectations. This no doubt reflects the natural caution of the valuers and the fact that they were carrying out fairly rough, external assessments.

The government will have a major task in the coming months to explain that these bandings are not valuations in the sense that we are used to when purchasing or mortgaging houses, and that their significance lies not in absolute values but in establishing relative values for the purpose of distributing a tax. Otherwise they may add a further downward twist to consumer confidence, on which the recovery of the economy clearly now depends.

Once this hurdle is passed, my personal view is that the council tax does represent a solid fiscal foundation for local government, capable of being used not only to regulate the boom/bust pattern in the domestic housing market, as referred to by Tony Travers, but also of establishing a tax system for local government distinctive from that operated by the centre, thus ensuring its financial freedom in an age of over-centralisation.

Yours faithfully, COLIN FARRINGTON, Director, The Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation, 41 Doughty Street, WC1.

Statutory sick pay From Mr David Shamash

Sir. Your correspondents (August 19, 24) complain about the cost to employers of statutory sick pay. I have found it is preferable for one's secretary to fall pregnant rather than

Mine has just left to have a baby and we pay her statutory maternity pay which we get refunded in full, plus an extra 4.5 per cent compensation for national insurance paid. Yours faithfully, DAVID SHAMASH (Director).

Covent Garden Group, 34 Floral Street, WC2.

Willing subject From Mr Jim Campbell

Sir. Catherine Howard's vow on her marriage to Henry VIII to be "buxom in bed" was indeed made at a time when buxom had totally different connotations from those it possesses today. However Lady Antonia Fraser (Life & Times, August 21) is not quite right in thinking that it meant "good-natured".

It did in fact mean "agreeable", but in the submissive sense of allowing the husband's will to prevail, in this case sexually, rather than an implied beaming affability.

Yours faithfully, JIM CAMPBELL, 48 Acomb Road, York.

August 21. From Professor W. T. Steam Sir, It is surprising indeed to find a

writer of such precision as Lady Antonia Fraser attributed with saying that Henry VIII "conceived a lot of children as a young man". To conceive a child is a woman's privilege, to beget one a man's. I remember being taken to task some 65 years ago, as a schoolboy translating Latin, for not making this linguistic distinction.

"Madam there is no excuse". I can imagine Samuel Johnson saying in 1755, his Dictionary at hand.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM T. STEARN, 17 High Park Road. Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE August 26: Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE August 26: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott at the Funeral of the Lady Rachel Pepys. which was held in the Cathedral of Our Lady and Saint Philip Howard, Arundel, West Sussex, this

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Birthdays today

Mr Gerhard Berger, racing driver. 33; Sir Donald Bradman, crick-eter, 84: Sir Hugh Byan, diplomat, 65: Sir Stewart Crawford, dip-lomat. 79: Lord Dormand of Easington, 73; the Earl of Eglinton and Winton. 53; Lady Antonia Fraser, writer, 60: Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Gretton, 80; Mr D.M. Hart, trades unionist, 52; Mr Michael Holroyd, author, 57; Sir Alexander Johnston, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue. 87.

Mr Bernhard Langer, golfer. 35; Mr John Lloyd, tennis player. 38; Lord Marks of Broughton. 72; Mr James Molyneaux, MP, 72: Viscount Rothermere, 67: the Right Rev Richard Rutt. 67: Mother Teresa, missionary, 82: Mr Andy Turnell, jockey, 44: Mr Derek Warwick, racing driver, 38: Lieutenant-General Sir John Watts, 62; Lord Winstanley, 74.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Hegel, philosopher, Stuttgart, 1770; Theodore Dreiser, novelist, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1871; Eric Coates, composer, Bucknall, Nottinghamshire, 1886: C. S. Forester, novelist, Cairo, 1899; Lyndon B. Johnson. 36th president of the USA 1963-69. Stonewall, Texas, 1908.

DEATHS: Titian, painter, Venice. 1576; Lope de Vega, dramatist. Madrid, 1635; James Thomson, poet, Richmond, Surrey, 1748; John Henry Foley, sculptor, London, 1874; Sir Rowland Hill, originator of the penny post, London, 1879: Louis Botha, first prime minister of South Africa 1910-19, Pretoria, 1919; Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, London, 1967; Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, novelist. London, 1969; Halle Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia 1928-74, Addis Ababa. 1975; Louis Mountbatten. 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, assassinated by the IRA, Donegal

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CLEMENT - On August 13th at Pembury Hospital, Keni, to Hayley (nee Mittlams) and Nicholas, a son Harry George Oscar, a brother for Jack.

FEATHEREY - On July 20th.

lo Clare inte Poegate) and Wilham, a daughter, Sarah Jane Webster, a saster for Francia, Victoria, George, Elizabeth, Margaret, Eleanor and Jace

GEDYE - On August 15th, in Bonn, to Howers (née Sharp) and Robin, a son, Benedict Robin Siephen, a brother for Mctila.

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GRAHAM - On August 25th. to Sarah (nèe Pulman) and Alan. a son.

GRANT - On August 17th in New York, to Elizabeth (nee Landau) and Adam, a son, William Douglas, brother for Sophie

Buchanan Hospital, Hastings, to Claire (nee Harrison) and Tony, a son, Joseph Anthony Paul, a brother for Emily and Katy

HILLS - On August 24th, to Liliane and Jonathan, a daughter, Laura.

LAING-KYLE - On August 24th at St Richard's Hospital. Chichester. to Emma and Chris. à daughter. Dalsy Anne. a sister for Airce.

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Mr M.C. Jamieson

and Miss C.N. Crookenden
The engagement is announced
between Martin Clive, son of Wing
Commander and Mrs H.C.
Jarnieson, of Farnham, Surrey, and Catherine Nancy (Kate), daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Napier and the Hon Lady

Marriage

Mr Q.S. Fitzsimmons and Miss A.E. Edwards

School

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Gordon and Miss A.L. Van Galder The engagement is armounced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Gordon, of Copper Hill. Elloughton. North daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Van Galder, of Lafayette.

Mr A.J. Hennessy
and Miss A.M. Wintour
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, youngest son of
Mrs M. Hennessy and the late Mr
A. Hennessy, of London, and
Alexandra, daughter of Mrs F.
Wintour and the late Mr J.
Wintour of London

Crookenden, of Twin Firs, Four Elms, Edenbridge, Kent

The marriage took place at St Andrew's Parish Church. Farnham, Surrey, on Saturday, August 22, between Mr Quentin Fitzsimmons and Miss Alice

St Paul's Girls'

The Governors of St Paul's Girls' School, Brook Green, Hammersmith, have appointed the Surmistress, Miss Janet Gough, as Acting High Mistress.

MARRIAGES

marriage has laken place of Simon Strwart, son of Mr and Mrs John Cirven of New Malden in Survey, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Calalary of Brighton in Susses.

The marriage look place between Brian and Cecile on Thursday July 2nd 1992 at Richmond-upon-Thames.

DEATHS

ALLEM - On August 25th 1992, suddenly at home in Milford on-Sea. Hampehire. John Seymour Alien, F.C.A., much loved husband of Jane and dear father of Frances. Fuseral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday September 3rd at 11.45 cm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations for Oakhaven Hospice c/o Diamond & Son. Fuseral Directors, 9-11 Lower Bucktand Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

BLISS - On Sunday August 23rd 1992, peacefully at Manormead Nursing Home. Alfred Charles aged 89. Funeral at Guiddord Crematorium on Wednesday September 2nd 1992 at 3.30 pm. No flowers please, donations to Cancer Research c/o G.M. Lud' & Partners. Sarray GU27 1.74.

CURTIS - On August 26th, peacefully at home. Commander Rupert Curtle. D.S.C. R.N.V.R. dear husband of Elizabeth and father of Susan Pashley and Harriette Cassidy Private cremation. Memorial Service at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington, on Tuesday his wish, family flowers only, but donations, if desired for King George's Fund for Salions may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons, Funeral Directors, 33-54 S. Thomas' Street, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 SNE.

FORSTER - On August 20th.
Joan. at The Aidbourne
Nursing Home. widow or
Colonel Douglas Forsier and
mother of Timothy and
Tessa Cremation private. no

GATT - On August 20th.
Reverend Brother Charles
FSC of the Brothers of the
Christian Schools (De La
Salle Brothers), aged 76.
fortified by the last rites of
the Church Affer a long and
painful illness, at St John's'
College, Southsea. Last
Principal of St Michael's
Teacher Training College,
Malta. Headmaster of St
Peter's School Bournemouth.
Regulern Mass on Friday
August 28th at 11.30 am St
Swithbun's Parish Church,
Portsmouth, followed by
burtal in Million Cemetery.

BIRVEN:CAISLEY -

WOODWARD:PACKER

The life barony conferred upon Sir Ian Gilmour, Bt, has been gazetted

Robert Yates, a local artist, putting the finishing touches yesterday to his huge mural at the recently opened Yorkshire Car Collection in Keighley. It took him more than five months to complete the work, which depicts many of the veteran and vintage vehicles in the collection

China joins world of auctions | Traces of unknown

By Sarah Jane Checkland, saleroom correspondent

COMMUNISM bows to Mammon in China when the People's Republic holds its first auction of art and antiques in October. The most valuable offering will be a pair of Ming vases extimated at \$500.000, and the entire consignment is expected to raise \$30 million. If all goes well,

further sales will take place.

Most of the 2,000 items, which include textiles, paintings, jades, furniture, jewellery, and even cars, have languished in secret warehouses since being seized during the Cultural Revolution. Some have been dug up by descendants of owners who buried them hastily during the purge. The state has at last granted permission for them to be sold.

European organisation of the event is by a Dutch businessman called Peter Janssen, who has had 22 years of painstaking negotiations with the Chinese authorities in order for his company. the China Art & Antique Foundation, to secure a contract with the Chinese State Bureau of Cultural Relics. By declining the services of

DEATHS

RIDLEY-ROGERS — On August 22nd, peacefully in hospital. Zina. of Dartford. Kent., agod 73. Wife of Ceorge and wishow of Harold Ridley. Funeral Service on Wednesday September 2nd at Christ Church Dartford at 11 am. followed by private cremation. Family Rowers only please, but donations of desired for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to: Nash Funeral Services. 184 Park View Road. Welling. Kent DA16 187.

WALTERS - On August 21st-a few days before her 95th birthday. Clara Walters Pometo. much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and great-grandmother, peacefully at Mostacchio Maggiore.

WHITING - On August 22nd 1992 at her home in Midleton. County Cork. JiB Patricia triee Pailmen! dearty leved white of Amony. Fureral Service has taken place in SL John The Baptist Church, Midleton.

WINDHAM - On August 25th. very peacefolly at home. Alba, C.B.E. aged 93 years. In Cape Town, daughter of the late Sir William Windham. Funeral Saturday August 29th. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Community Chesi of the Western Cape. Cape Town 8001.

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WORSPOLD - On August 25th 1992, peacefully at home. Christopher, lust before his 87th birthday. Very dear husband of Lestle, beloved father of Jacquelline and Carol and devoled grandfather of Alison and Tessa Cerenation private. Service of Thanhsquing at Dunsfold Parish Church on Tuesday September 1st at 3.30 pm. Please, no flowers, but if wished donations in Dunsfold Parish Church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALLOP - On August 25th 1992, Marjorie Dorothy Carmichael, aged 91 years. Much toved mother and beloved and Christopher and beloved mother-in-law and, grandmother. Funeral private at her request.

moner-in-law grandmother. Funeral private at her request. Donations to The Tibet Society. Olympia Bridge Quay, Russell Road, London W14 BYL or The Tibet Foundation, 43 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1EA.

MARTLEY - On August 25th

HARTLEY - On August 28th 1992, peacefully at \$1 Luke's Hooptian, Guildford, George Edward M. A., ICANTABI of Cobhem. Surrey, devoted husband of the late Kill Hardey, most dearly loved by all his family. Sons Michael and Timothy and their respective wite of Victoria and Victoria, grandchildren James, Rupert, Kate, Oesrye and Pollyanus and great-grandchildren, Joseph and Thomas. Funeral Service will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday September 2nd at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Princess Alice Hospice C/o James and Thomas Lid., Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey, KT1; 3AL.

HOUSE - On August 24th, Peggy Ashworth, aged 85. of Colylon, dear wife of Vernon and mother of Bill Private cremation. No flowers, but donations to church funds gratefully received by the Rector of Colylon, Deson.

REMBER - On August 25th, peacefulty, Lilian Edna, aged. 80 years, Dearty loved wife of Edgar and mother of Malcolm and Paul, Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill. at 2.30 pm Wednesday September 2nd, Flowers to Seaward & Sons, 448 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London NI 3 SXD.

PEARSON-HOGERS On August 17th. after a car accident. Group Captain Henry William Pearson Rogers C.B.E.. beloved husband of Frances and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather

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POTTER - On August 25th
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General Hospital, John
Wilson, aged 57 Beloved
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loved father of Daphne,
Sarah and James. Devoled
grandfather of Leitha.
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NW1 by 8.30 am.

houses. China has put their noses well and truly out of joint. There are fears in London that a flood of new goods may threaten the equilibrium of a market which has been holding up well during the recession. The antiques on sale date from the 16th century BC to 1795, and include some Imperial items.

Waiter van Haider, for the foundation, said: "Christie's did a sale in Peking five years ago and are puzzled why they have not been approached. We have Sotheby's and Christie's on the phone every day." The latter has set up a flourishing branch in Hong Kong. and the Chinese want to establish forceful competition before 1997.

Mr van Halder acknowledged that the Chinese "have enough stuff to destroy the market", but insisted: "They will not do that, having unofficially asked advice from people in the West."

The official reason for the sale, he says, is to curb the current unofficial trade in smuggled goods: "The worldwide demand for Chinese

IN MEMORIAM -

REES - John V on 27th August 1982: Alway remembered by Joyce family and frames.

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WORD-WATCHING

(b) A received or accepted notion or belief, a postulate, an unproved fact, from the Latin recepture to receive: "Baptista Porta, in whose works, although

there be contained many excellent things, and verified upon his own experience, yet are there many also receptury, and such as will not endure the test."

(c) Covered with dandruff, from the Latin farfar bran

or bran-like scales: "The furfuraceous excrements of the temples covered the shoulders and lapels of his

(a) One wanting in courage, because that is what a coward's buttock's are, improbably, supposed to do: "Stand putting in one fost, and shiver, like a quakebuttock."

(c) Having no scales, from the Latin e privative + squamatus farnished with scales: "The dragon may be an extinct terrestrial species of gigantic scaly saurian, but, as you can see, the naked princess is distinctly esquamate."

smoking jacket like the first snow of winter."

antiques has been mainly satisfied with smuggled with smuggled goods". If China offers an official supply of antiquities, there will be less incentive for

Judging from the glossy brochure, the auction could earn China a great deal of hard currency. The estimated 400 clients who have already paid \$2,500 to travel to Pelicing from Europe and the Far East can expect a gala dinner in the Great Hall of the People on Tiananmen Square, tourist trips, and "active relaxation" at the Peking golf club. Each visitor will be given a

'special commemorative catalogue" bound in silk and enhanced with "introductions by dignitaries of the Chinese cultural authorities and international diplomatic corps ... separately calligraphed in every book by China's foremost

calligrapher".

Members of the London art market yesterday either scorned the event or played it down. Sotheby's said they knew nothing about the sale. and one dealer commented that to judge by material photographed in the bromodern rubbish."

One misgiving is the fact that Chinese Communists do not use western criteria when evaluating art. On the grounds that copies are flawless and therefore more valuable, for example, they often prefer to exhibit copies in their museums rather than the real

thing. in reply, organisers prom-ised certificates of authentication as well as export licences for each object. Prices will be in keeping with those in the west by the use of western-style reserves, whereby objects are not sold for less than a

reasonable market price.
"The Chinese may look bland, but they are not fools," Mr Van Halder said. "They know exactly what is going

Indian summer at the V&A

A display of over 100 Indian paintings and textiles will go on show in the Nehru Gallery at the Victoria and Albert Museum. South Kensington on October 7 (John Shaw writes). It is the first in a series of rotating shows which will enable visitors to see as much of the 35,000-piece Indian col-lection as possible and allow light-sensitive objects to be rested periodically.

The collection represents the largest group of art and arte-facts outside India covering the period 1550-1900. The gallery, opened by the Queen n 1990, was financed by a E1.75 million appeal with do-nations from Britain, Europe. Hong Kong and India.

Iona church found

By KERRY GILL

EXCAVATIONS on the isle of Iona, regarded as the cradle of Christianity in Scotland, have revealed the foundations of a previously unknown church which is believed to be one of the earliest in Scotland.

The discovery, along with that of an earlier Christian cemetery, suggests that the island may have contained a much larger monastic com-munity than archaeologists hitherto believed. It may have amounted to a small town peopled by lay workers and

The finds came to light when the modern floor of St Ronan's church was lifted to see what lay below. St Ronan's, an early thirteenth century structure used for parish worship, was abandoned for worship after the Reformation and fell into ruin.

Archaeologists have discovered a much earlier chapel, possibly dating from the eighth century, within the walls of St Ronan's. Two of the walls of the later church were found to have been built The earlier building, with walls bonded with clay instead of mortar, is similar to Candida Casa, the chapel founded by St Nimian on the isle of Whithorn, in south-west Scotland, which is thought to be Scotland's earliest Christian

The Iona discovery is not thought to be as old as

Candida Casa, but is almost certainly the oldest Christian building on the island with features common when early Christian builders were turning from wood to stone. The archeologists have also ex-pressed excitement at finding an earlier Christian cemetery beneath the chapel with burfals probably belonging to the period when the Celtic monasticism founded on Iona by Columba still flourished. The bones are in an advanced state of decay and will be radiocarbon dated by Arizona University. At least one skeletal fragment is thought to be of a

Jerry O'Sullivan, of AOC Scotland, an archeological consultancy involved with the Iona excavations, said workers appeared to have emptied graves to extend the foundations. "That is very interesting because it shows they may not have venerated graves as we do," he said. The significance of the finds, he added, was that the whole scale of lone may now have to be reviewed. domain and could have been a monastic town with farmers living around the monastery, said Mr O'Sullivan.

The excavations have taken place some distance from Iona Abbey, which dates back 800 years to the final collapse of the Columban foundation. It fell into ruin, was re-opened in

Tourists' boots erode

Bronze Age mound

By Norman Hammond

has removed more than three metres of a Bronze Age burial mound since 1990. Some of the 50,000 walkers who visit the peaks of Corn Du'and Pen-y-Fan each year removed stones from the cairns to make comfortable sears, and also stripped most of the stone capping to make their own monument.

"From being a grass-covered mound 16 metres (52ft) in diameter in 1970, over half the Pen-y-Fan mound had completely disappeared by 1990," said Dr Alex Gibson, of the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, who has been carrying out rescue exca-vations. "Since the 1990 survey, over three metres of cairn material has completely disappeared as a result of visitor

Bronze Age burial mounds. dated to around 2000 BC. stood on both the Corn Du and Pen-y-Fan peaks, which

TOURIST erosion in the lie between Merthyr Tydfil Brecon Beacons of mid-Wales and Brecon nearly 2,900 feet above sea level. The latter was dug last year, revealing a central stone cist.

The old ground surface was still green beneath the mound. and cotton grass, bilberry and starmoss were among the species immediately recognisable. Similar results were ob-

tained this June when the Corn Du cairn was excavated.

The oxygen-free atmo-sphere of the turf and peat mound ensured that grass, plant and insect remains were preserved so well that they have kept their original colours," Dr Gibson said. Three quarters of the cairn

has now been investigated: the remaining quadrant will be dug in September, before reconstruction of the monument's original form in 1993; the National Trust is already rebuilding the Pen-y-Fan

Green lung for city

By KERRY GILL

ONE hundred acres of woods. meadows. marshland and ponds on the edge of Edinburgh have been saved from neglect to provide the public with a wild oasis close to the city. To mark 12 years of conservation work, Magnus Magnusson, chairman of Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), will today open a countryside ranger centre at the Cammo estate

The centre will have facilities for teaching and exhibitions. It will be a base for a countryside ranger, who will provide information for visi-tors and help maintain the estate. Under the guidance of Roger Wheater, director of Edinburgh Zoo, the city council. SNH, the National Trust for Scotland and local people have enhanced the attractions of the estate, bounded by busy roads to the south and east. and by Edinburgh airport to the west.

The wildlife corridor was created out of the grounds that surrounded Cammo House. The house no longer exists having burned down during the 1970s. The last owner was Percival Louis Maitland-Tennant, who died a recluse in 1975, leaving the house in an advanced state of decay.

Cammo House, however, was once one of the smartest Scorpish houses. During the nineteenth century the estate was redesigned in the Romantic idiom. A wilderness of native species such as oak, ash and holly was planted and, earlier this century, sycamore and poplar were added to create an interesting mix of species.

Romanian orphans appeal

BY NICHOLAS WATE

A BRITISH charly will encourage. Romanians to take orphans and abandoned children into foster care in a television programme to be screened throughout the coun-

In For The Children, For Our Children. It's Time to do More. Romania's leading television personalities say the individual attention provided by the family is the best way to re nor une cournury's 1 uu.uuu children in orphanages.

The Romanian Orphanage Trust said yesterday that adoption was not feasible because 92 per cent of children in orphanages were abandoned by their parents who still visited them.

Last year the Romanian government forbade foreigners from adopting Romania children, a decision supported by the trust. Fiona Nicol, a spokeswoman, said: "The situation had become very sad because Westerners were going over and picking out the brightest and prettiest children. Sick children were left behind and many of the adopted children were sent back when their new parents discovered they were ill. It was like the new dog for Christmas syndrome."

Blue Peter, the television programme, has raised £6m i towards the trust's work, though it still needs another £12million. Ms Nicol said: We are due to leave Romania by the year 2000. We have 60 Romanians working for us. but from 2000 we want to leave the running of the trust entirely to Romanians."

Guest night 4th Battaliou The Royal Irish

Rangers (Volunteers) The Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel E. Glover, and the Officers of the 4th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (Volunteers) held a Regimental Guest Night last night at West Tofts Camp. Norfolk Major General R.N. Wheeler, CBE, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment was

New move to secure Penkill Castle's future

By KERRY GILL

PENKILL Castle and its Pre-Raphaelite collection, the latest British country house to be threatened with being broken up, could be saved for the nation after a move by Historic Scotland and local conservation groups.

A meeting is to be held within the next few weeks to discuss the best way of keeping the building, its paintings and furnishings intact. The castle, near Girvan in Ayrshire, has been put up for sale along with its contents for an asking price of £1 million. Four serious

bidders have emerged, but they are only interested in purchasing the building. The meeting is likely to

consider forming a charitable trust or the promotion of new attempts to sell the property and contents to a suitable private buyer. It is unlikely that the government will agree to take Penkill into public ownership since the building is not considered to be at risk.

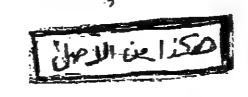
"As the national heritage organisation we are keen that the castle and its contents should be kept together if at all possible," a spokesman for Historic Scotland said. The

National Trust for Scotland has also rejected the idea of buying the property, believing instead that the best option is private ownership. The problems faced by Penkill Castle were highlighted earlier this month in The Times. Penkill is regarded as im-

portant because of its status as a shrine to the nineteenth century Pre-Raphaelite art and literature movement. Dante Gabriel Rossetti and his sister, Christina, stayed there while William Morris fell in love with the view from the tower across the Firth of Clyde to the isle of Arran

to be taken into public ownership was handed in to the Scottish Office earlier this week. Heritage bodies throughout Britain are campaigning to maintain the castle and its collection as a single entity. The building is being sold by Dr Elton Eckstrand. an American, who has lived there for 14 years and preserved Penkill's unique character. He said that looking after the castie was a full time occupation. Now aged 60, he wants someone else to take up

A petition containing 500 signatures asking for Penkil



COLIN HARRIS

Colin Grendon Harris, CMG. secretary-general of the Gold Commission. died on July 21 aged 79. He was born on October 25 1912.

SADLY, Colin Harris died just too soon to finish the job which had been part of his life for almost two decades. But he died knowing that it was virtually complete. The British government announced only last May that it had reached an agreement with Albania over compensation for the Corfu Channel Incident of 1946 when two Royal Navy destroyers went down with the loss of 44 lives after sailing into an Albanian minefield in the Mediterranean. The compromise this year in turn removed Britain's long-standing opposition to returning E10 million worth of Albanian gold seized by the Nazis dur-

ing the second world war. Poland in the mid-1970s



and Czechoslovakia in the early 1980s were the last two countries to have their claims actiled by the Gold Commision, which was established by Britain, the United States and France, under the 1946 Paris Agreement on Reparations, to replenish the plundered vaults

of occupied Europe. Once Albania has got back its gold tafter some remaining US objections have been setiled) the job of the Commission will be virtually over. A small cache of anonymous bullion in the Bank of Eng-

land will probably have to be shared out among the original claimants, then the Commission will almost certainly be wound up. It was thought at the time it was established that its brief would probably take several months to complete. In fact it will have worked nearly

half a century.

Colin Harris joined the Commission in the middle 1970s, running the administration from an office in the British Embassy in Brussels — the same city where the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency was set up after the war. The commissioners are always the commercial attaches at the British, French and American embassies in Belgium.

Harris was then already in his sixties, having taken early retirement from the diplomatic service some years before. The son of a London bank manager, he was educated at Rossall School and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read economics and history.

Joining the foreign service in 1935, he specialised in commercial work and subsequently served throughout the world with postings in San Francisco, Antwerp, the Congo, Lisbon, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro. Vienna. Tokyo and Oslo - from where he retired

He tried to join up several times during the war but he had caught both polio and blackwater fever in the Congo and was turned down. After retiring he lived in Switzerland for five years then moved to Belgium where he was offered the job of running the Gold Commission in Brussels. He was still employed there at the time of his death. Colin Harris met and mar-

ried his first wife, a Polish countess. Adelaide Zamoiska, while he was serving in the Congo. But she died while they were living in Portugal, leaving him with three young children. While in South America in 1947, he married his second wife, Belgian-born Monique Maucuse-Baudoux. and is survived by her, by their two sons and by two sons and a daughter from his first

ADMIRAL SIR DAVID HALLIFAX

Admiral Sir David (John) Hallifax, KCB, KCVO, KBE, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, died on August 23 aged 64. He was born on September 3, 1927.

HOWEVER badly things seemed to be going in the Falklands War, the calm reassuring voice of David Hallifax was like aspirin to the hardpressed commanders of the British Task Force.
As Chief of Staff to Admiral

Sir John Fieldhouse, Commander-in-Chief Fleet, Hallifax was in day-to-day control of his headquarters. There, in the underground bunker at Northwood, Mid-dlesex, he ensured the smooth running of the joint-service operation which was crucial to the task force's success 8,000 miles away. No small measure of the ultimate credit should go to him.

To those embattled in the South Atlantic, he also seemed a perfect interlocutor. It was Hallifax whom they usually addressed when they came through on the secure telephone link, and his dry humour was a stimulating tonic.

This laid-back style had always belied an incisive mind. As a young officer on the Royal Navy's torpedo and anti-submarine (TAS) course. he had celebrated its termination prematurely. On the morning after the night before, he arrived late for the final gruelling three-hour paper on applied mechanics and left the examination room half-way through, looking frail and ashen-faced. Nonetheless, when the results came through, his name topped the

His very entry to the Navy had been late. Anxious not to limit his options, his naval family had sent him not to Dartmouth but to Winchester. Since he was born in Plymouth, however, the son and the grandson of British admirals, there had never been any serious doubt over his destiny. "It was," as he once put it. hereditary. His family had its share of



sadness, however, when his father, a vice-admiral serving in the Middle East during the war, was shot down and killed while flying home on leave over North Africa.

Young David joined the

Navy as a special entrant in 1945 and, after a tour as a midshipman in the cruiser Kenya in the West Indies. served for two years on a minesweeper in the late 1940s, helping to clear mines from the eastern Mediterranean. He commanded a motor torpedo boar in British waters before taking the spe-cialist TAS course in 1954. Two years later he was at Suez serving in the tank landing ship Salemo which transported a Royal Tank Regiment to the canal zone. In 1959 he was sent to the Army staff college at Camberley.

He was back in the Caribbean in the early 1960s, as TAS officer with the second frigate squadron, based on HMS Whirlwind. Among his achievements was the formation of a ship's steel band. known as "Jim's Tins" which once performed on the radio in this country.

Hallifax commanded the battle-class destroyer Agincourt. 1964-65. captained one of the larger county-class de-stroyers. HMS Fife. in 1973-75, then did a tour at the Ministry of Defence as director of naval operational requirements before becoming flag officer of the first flotilla a position once held by his father. From there he went to Northwood in 1980.

He left his Chief of Staff job shordy before the final victory at Port Stanley to become Deputy Supreme Allied Com-mander Atlantic in Saciant's headquarters at Norfolk, Vir-

After an unusually high profile tour in the United States he returned to the Ministry of Defence where he filled in time for 12 months working on a study of ship design at the time of the great controversy over the "short-fat ship" versus the "long thin one". Then, at the start of 1986, he began his final job as commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies in Belgrave Square.

He left the Navy at the end of 1987 and early the followand governor of Windsor Castle, a largely honorary ap-pointment which involves acting as the Queen's representative in and around Windsor. He was the first admiral to be given the post after a ssion of retired Army and RAF officers.

Tragedy was shortly to overtake him, however, In July 1989 his younger son Matthew, aged 21, was one of four Edinburgh University students drowned when their dinghy capsized in a squali while crossing at night be-tween two islands off the coast of Donegal. David Hallifax

was deeply affected by the loss. Then last year doctors diagnosed motor neuron disease. which forced him to retire from his post at Windsor earlier this summer. This was not before the Queen personally visited his quarters at Windsor to bestow on him his third knighthood, that of the KCVO.

David Hallifax was an expert sailor who belonged to the Royal Yacht Squadron and had sailed in the Admiral's Cup. He is survived by his wife Anne, whom he married in 1962, and by one son and a

HIS HONOUR A. E. COX

His Honour Albert Edward Cox, a circuit judge from 1977 to 1989, died at his home at Teilhet, France, on August 10 aged 75. He was born on September 26, 1916.

ALBERT Edward Cox, universally known as Bill Cox, was in the group of the first five solicitors appointed recorder after the passing of the Courts Act 1971 and, in 1977, was in the group of the first three solicitors to be appointed circuit judges, the new judges established by that Act.

His sittings as a recorder were in the West Country, but he sat as a judge exclusively in criminal work in central London, at first at Inner London Crown Court and later as one of the permanent judges at Southwark Crown Court, from its opening until his retirement.

His courtesy and patience were renowned and his qualities reflected in the lack of success of appeals from his court. They were also amributes that quickly reassured a nervous Bar that regarded the appointment of solicitors to the higher judiciary with considerable misgivings.

Cox, after public school, was articled to his brother in London, being admitted a solicitor in 1938. He was precipitate in joining up at the outbreak of the second world war, reporting to the recruit-ing office of the London Scottish Regiment. However, his military career and his physique were blighted by the iliness spondylolysis that marked him for the rest of his life. He was invalided from the Army and joined the wellestablished practice of Claude Homby in Great Marlborough Street in London's West End. Claude Hornby had, for years, specialised in criminal work, particularly the more glamorous society cases, and Cox continued the practice after his partner's death in the 1960s. While Cox was responsible for a number of famous defences, including those of

spies and Fanny Hill, his main hallmark was the complete discretion with which he regarded the affairs of clients. Not for him the leak or statement to the press, and many in high places who consulted him benefited not only from his astute legal acumen but also from the fact that the public rarely knew that they had fallen foul of the

Cox's tall, stooped figure was well known in the central London magistrates' courts. where his modest courtesv masked a shrewd and steely determination and an unconpromising integrity.

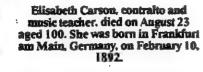
His partner, Claude Hornby, founded the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association and for many years Cox acted as secretary, taking over as president in 1967. Ten years later, he became president of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences. His membership of the Parole Board complemented his sittings as a recorder before his full-time appointment to the circuit bench.

Before the war. Cox had been a noted horseman and tennis player, but those pursuits went with his illness. However, he remained a formidable opponent at chess or draughts.

Cox and his second wife. Alwyne, were generous and gracious hosts both at their London home and, latterly, in France. He is survived by her and a stepson.



ELISABETH CARSON



THE life of Elisabeth Carson was split between Britain and her native Germany. She first came to England as a schoolgirl when her father, a wealthy and scholarly Jewish merchant, decided that his daughter should have a "real" education and sent her to Roedean. There she made lifelong friendships and formed a deep affinity with and love for England which was to stand her in good stead 30 years later when forced to leave Nazi Germany. Her principal music training, back in Germany, was first in piano but the quality of her rich contratto was soon recognised and she was taken as a pupil by the lieder singer. Therese Behr-Schnabel, wife of Artur Schnabel. Her career blossomed and she became an acclaimed interpreter of the songs of Schubert, Schumann. Brahms and Hugo

Her most fruitful years were spent first in Frankfurt am Main and then Berlin, where she was married to Alfred Carlebach, a prominent lawyer. Her circle of friends was edectic and she made the most of the rich cultural life of Berlin in

the years after world war one. Having a Exchange — by teaching. Singing and close and enduring friendship with Carl Ebert, Fritz Busch and members of the Ulistein family, she had an entrée into the city's cultivated society and became part of the musical and literary scene. At rea with Helene Weigel she was sharp enough to criticise the boorish behaviour of Weigel's husband, Berthold Brecht.

But even with these connections a professional career for a Jewish singer became more and more difficult in the 1930s. She gave her last public recital in 1935. With life in Berlin charged with tension and danger, Elisabeth Carson decided it was time to go.

Leaving her career, her library, many friends and her country, she moved to London in 1937 and began a new and difficult life as a refugee, with few material assets and an ailing marriage. At this time she decided to become a Christian and was baptised by Donald Soper. Later in 1964, on recovering from a grave illness she became a convert to the Roman Catholic faith.

She separated from her husband and during the war settled in a Berkshire village with two friends, likewise cultivated urbanites, and her youngest daughter. With characteristic energy and good humour she began to earn her living with a little help from the local Labour piano lessons were obvious, but then came eurhythmics and later German

The unlikely household, with its multitude of eccentricities, became accepted. No one was too surprised when a broody hen "which needed exercise" was led up and down the village street on the end of a piece of string. Elisabeth Carson formed a choir from enthusiasts in the neighbouring Women's Institutes, was its conductor and helped it win first place, shortly after the war, at a festival of choirs at the Royal Albert Hall.

In spite of several life-threatening illnesses she continued to teach and lecture until well into her eightiess. In 1953 she decided to sit her A levels and gave a memorable talk on her beloved Third Programme, as it then was. describing this process. A significant contact was made in the early 1970s with Stanbrook Abbey, a convent with strong musical traditions, where the press was run by Dame Hildelith Cumming, a musician and typographer. This friend-ship became one of the focal points of Elisabeth Carson's final years and she derived great pleasure from the life and work of the Stanbrook community.

She leaves a son, Andrew, and a daughter Susanna.

and this largely offsets the

effect of the general eastwards motion of the Moon which

causes it to rise later each

In the late summer and

autumn months the Moon.

from a day or two before the

full to last quarter phases, rises

only a little later each evening.

This gives rise to a succession

of evenings lasting about a

week when the Moon hangs

low in the eastern sky soon

after dark, allowing outdoor

activities to continue and giv-

ing rise to the terms Harvest

In the past when outdoor

lighting in the countryside was

side would have had to stop at

dusk and the Harvest Moon

must have been of great

The great developments in artificial lighting have reduced the importance of

moonlight over much of the

world but at the same time has

made it difficult for many to

It is now being realised that

and Hunter's Moons.

benefit.

LARRY WADE

James Stanley Hillary Wade, MC, TD, FRCS. formerly consultant surgeon at the University Hospital of Wales, died in Cardiff on August 15 aged 76. He was born on February 13, 1916

George Blake, the Kroeger

LARRY Wade, like his father. was a distinguished Cardiff surgeon, and his introduction to surgery came as a schoolboy when he was able to watch his father operating. After graduating at University College Hospital in 1939, he served as a medical officer at Dunkirk. and later in North Africa where he earned the Military Cross.

On his return to clinical surgery, he was appointed consultant surgeon to the United Cardiff Hospitals in 1950. During the ensuing years he steadily built a great national and international reputation in thyroid and parathyroid surgery, and was in demand worldwide as a visiting lec-turer in this field. Among many other distinctions he was president of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland in 1974.

He is survived by his wife Joan and three sons.

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August 27 ON THIS DAY

The pressure for the extension of a "closed shop" in several areas of industrial life — and even in some professional circles, was much in evidence in the years after the second world war and in this instance the old London Passenger Transport Board decided to fall into line.

"CLOSED SHOP" FOR L.P.T.B.

The London Passenger Transport Board has decided not to continue in its service any em-ployee in grades covered by its agreements with the Transport and General Workers' Union who is not a member of that

This decision reached after a long meeting yesterday evening between representatives of the board and the general executive of the Transport and General Workers' Union in the grades concerned will have to choose between dismissal and joining the Transport and General. The National Passenger Workers' Union claims to have several thousand members in employment of the board.

The decision, which brings to gome on since 1937, involves a maner of major principle -whether the closed shop should be a part of the policy of public cooperation — and is certain to cause acute controversy. The board has issued a long statement explaining its reasons.

The statement says that from 1933 the Board made all its agreements and conducted all negotiations in respect of the operating and maintenance staffs of its road services with the Transport and General Workers' Union, and these agreements applied without exception to each and every employee in the grades concerned. In 1938 the National Passenger Work-ers' Union was formed, and some of the Board's employees became members of it. The

Board did not recognize it, or enter into any agreement with it. The Transport and General Workers' Union, who represent an overwhelming majority of their employees, had now in-formed them that they would not work with employees who were not members of their union.

"The Board," continues the statement, "has decided that the existing unsatisfactory situation which, by seriously hampering the Board in its efforts to provide an efficient transport service, is prejudicial to the public, must be brought to an end.

"It is recognized by the general executive council of the Transport and General Workthe fulfilment of the Board's duties to the public that the Board should be able to rely upon the observance of collective greements and the full coopera-

Upon this basis, and on the understanding that an opportunity will be given to all non-members of the Transport and General Workers' Union to join decided not to continue in their service any employee in the grades concerned who is unwill-

ing to join the Transport and General Workers' Union." It is added that the arrangement whereby certain drivers and conductors have been continued on the payroli, although not allowed to work, will cease. This refers to the incident which gave rise to the present negotiations. About three ths ago employees at the New Cross train depot refused to work with 13 members of the National Passengers Workers'

Union who have since continued on the partfoll without working An assurance that the members of the National Passengers Workers' Union will resist the board's decision was given last night by Mr F.E. Snelling, the organizer. A full conference of the union has been called for tion. "If the board insists on its decision." said Mr Snelling. "it will have to dismiss the 4,000

members of our union."

Astronomy

The sky at night in September

By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE. INTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MURCURY starts September as a -1.2 magnitude morning star and should be visible during the first week low in the eastern sky. On the 1st it rises an hour and a half before sunrise but it draws rapidly in lowards the Sun being at superior conjunction on the 15th after which it becomes an evening star. The planet will pass about

two Moon diameters north of the 1st magnitude star Regutus in Leo on the 2nd/3rd. After conjunction it will reamin unobservable, low in the western sky, until mid-November when it begins another favourable reappearance in the morning sky.

Venus is a -3.9 evening object but remains low in the west throughout the month. setting less than an hour after the Sun. It will begin to draw away from the Sun during October, setting four hours after the Sun by the end of the year Over Christmas and the New Year Venus will be a brilliant 4.1 magnitude evening star, lingering in the wouth-western sky well into the

Mars brightens to 0.5 magnitude during September as it approaches opposition on Jan-

pary 5 1993. Situated in the constellation Gemini it rises by 22h by the 30th. The last quarter Moon passes just to the south on the 20th/21st. Jupiter moves from Leo into Virgo during the month but it will not be observable, being in conjunction with the Sun

morning star. Saturn is in Capricornus, a 0.5 magnitude yellowish-white object located in an area of sky devoid of bright stars, so it is easily identified. Even a small telescope or powerful binoculars will just show the rings and the brightest satel-

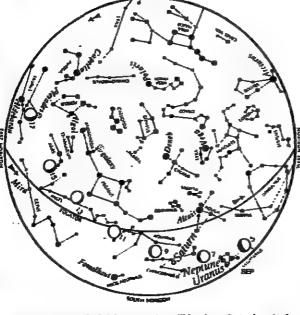
on the 17th. It then becomes a

The gibbous Moon passes to the north on the 8th/9th. Saturn passed opposition in early August so it is now an evening star. It reaches a maximum elevation above the southern horizon of about 20 degrees and set by 01h late in

the month. Uranus and Neptune remain close together in Sagittarius, setting by 22h 30m late in the month. Uranus reaches a stationary point on the 23rd and Neptune on the 27th, after which they resume their slow eastward motion against the stars. The Moon passes to

the north on the 6th. The Moon: first quarter, 3d 23h; full Moon, 12d 02h:last quarter, 19d 20h; new Moon.

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The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the norizon in the latitude of London at 33h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time, at places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bouors, the zenith being at the centre Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24 hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

26d 11h. The Earth: the the annual procession of con-Earth's annual motion round stellations and the seasons. the Sun is reflected in the The autumn equinox, when Sun's apparent motion eastthe Sun crosses the equator wards round the sky, giving us from north to south, occurs

22d 19h. Sunset on the 1st is at 18h 50m and on the 30th at 17h 40m while sunrise is at 05h 10m and 06h 00m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 21h 00m early and late in the month and begins against at 03h 00m and 04h 05m. Algol, the eclipsing binary star in Perseus, fades from its

usual brightness of 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It can be seen when near its faintest this month about the following times: 16d 02h. 18d 23h and 21d 20h. The full Moon closest to the

autumn equinox is called the interval between successive full Moons being almost 30 days. it can occur about two weeks before or after the equinox. This can carry the Harvest Moon into October in some years but this year, with full Moon on the 12th, it is in September and the next full Moon in October is the Hunter's Moon.

At this time of the year, the Moon moves northwards throughout the part of the lunation from first quarter to last quarter, so that each night it travels a larger are above the portzon.

This northwards motion causes the Moon to rise farther mund towards the north-east each night after full Moon

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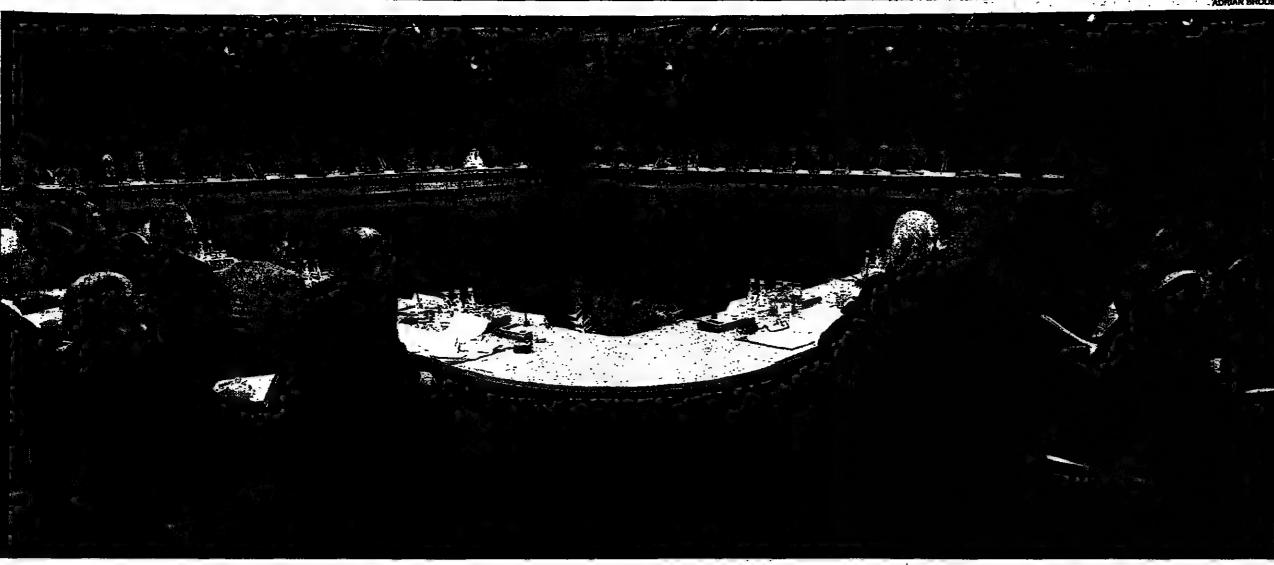
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Fighting talk: representatives from at least 40 countries, organisations and the former Yugoslav republics discuss how to end the war in Bosnia and curb Serbian aggression at the London conference yesterday

Renting has the edge over buying as house prices fall

osite effect as owners, unable to sell, try to get some income

Despite the conclusion that the private rented sector has the potential to expand, Miss Abisogun believes it will not grow to the size of that in say France or Germany. "This is because the prevailing attitude towards home ownership in the UK has only recently been frustrated and has not been reversed. This conclusion is reflected in four recent surveys which revealed that the most desired form of tenure remains that of owneroccupation.

The research is published in the current issue of the quarterly Housing Finance, the economics journal of the Council of Mortgage Lenders. Sue Anderson, of the council, said: "People will continue to buy partly for other reasons other than financial. It is generally considered more secure and is something that people in Britian like to do. It would be interesting to work out what lenders were planning to re- vance notification.

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the figures would be if you compared buying with renting after five or seven years. ☐ Fewer people would be made homeless if councils

possess homes in their area. according to the London Research Centre, which says in a report today that nine out of ten English local authorities were told when mortgage rarely or never receive ad-

WORD WATCHING A SE

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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FURFURACEOUS

a Enraged

b. Kleptomaniscal

c. Covered with dandruff

QUAKEBUTTOCK

L. A cowerd

b. A quicksand

c.A sweet Lancashire jelly

ESQUAMATE

a. To decamp or clope
b.A common law Esigmo spouse
c. Having no scales

Answers on page 14

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UN ready to expand Bosnia peace force

Continued from page I to stop the blaze. At the conference, Western officials said that the world would hold those committing atrocities personally accountable and there was the possibility of setting up war crimes tribu-nals. The world cannot allow this cancer to flourish, much less to spread," said Lawrence Eagleburger, the American acting Secretary of State.

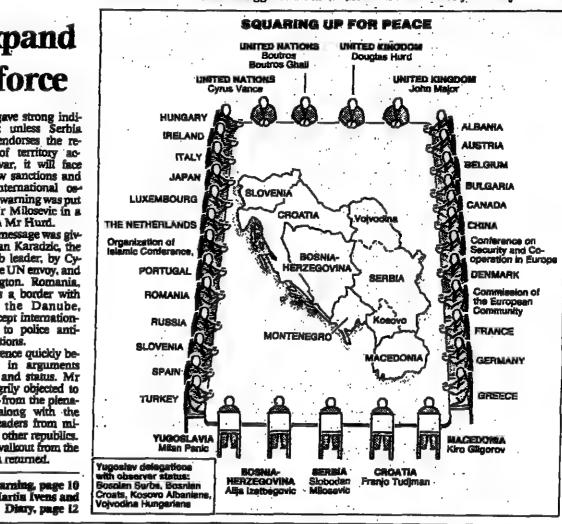
Mr Major will today try to win the support of all factions for a statement of principles ruling out any change of frontiers except by agreement, and insisting on the protection of all minorities. He is also tabling an action pro-gramme which will transfer to Geneva the current EC cessor to Lord Carrington. In conjunction with the UN, the mission will continue negotiations on minorities, human rights, economic issues, recognition of successor states, confidence-building measures and humanitarian aid. No vote will be taken on the principles of a settlement. But

the British gave strong indications that unless Serbia specifically endorses the renunciation of territory acquired by war, it will face feroclous new sanctions and long-term international ostracism. The warning was put bluntly to Mr Milosevic in a meeting with Mr Hurd.

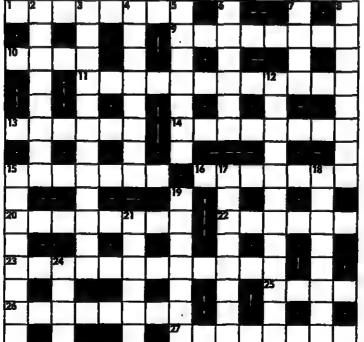
The same message was giv-en to Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, by Cyrus Vance, the UN envoy, and Lord Carrington. Romania, which shares a border with Serbia on the Danube, agreed to accept international monitors to police anti-Serbian sanctions.

came mired in arguments over seating and status. Mr Karadzic angrily objected to his exclusion from the plena-ry session, along with the communal leaders from minorities in all other republics. He staged a walkout from the hall, but soon recurred.

Major warning, page 10



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ACROSS

- I Disinfectant from almost full bottle applied to tailless vermin (8).
- 9 No turning back the flow of liquid in operation (2.6). 10 Plant left undisturbed by landslide? (4).
- 11 Traditional scheme's return added to export profitability
- 13 Hard to get caught in a fright (6). 14 I go mad with a name (my own
- obsesses me) (8).

 15 A range of colours is allowed in paste form (7). 16 Look — wet washing! (7).
- 20 Almost nothing free of charge?
- 22 Sovereignty resides in brown
- 23 It's ample (when developed) to go

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- round prescribed course in solar system? (12) 25 Flag of Eire - that's not hard (4).
- 26 Here are two of the Roman persuasion, DV (8).27 Odds on fishes having what look like glittering scales? (8).

- 2 A way of running spy network that dispenses with locks? (8) 3 Agile brute takes on the Great Stone Face (6.6).
- 4 Dressing protecting disabled part of body (8).
- 5 Company tries for an audience, and works together well (7). 6 It may be necessary when visiting
- Lisbon (6). 7 Really fit (4). 8 Girl coming in before time, not having pound for the messenger
- 12 Straightforward trips by sand-yacht? (5,7). 15 Prince comes in to affix medal for sport (4-4).
- 17 Mechanical actors in RUR? (8). 18 Materiel has been ordered, as it happens (4,4).
- 19 Have groups of cowboys Sheriff at the front? (7). 21 The papers here need looking at within a year (2-4). 24 Pub lacks leadership - needs

Concise Crossword, page 13

WEATHER Rain will be heavy in much of England and Wales at first. Showers will spread south, reaching northern England and north Wales around midday and central England and south Wales later. The South East will start cloudy and dry, with rain becoming heavy in places later. Southwesterly winds will be strong to gale-force. Outlook: unsettled with rain or showers.

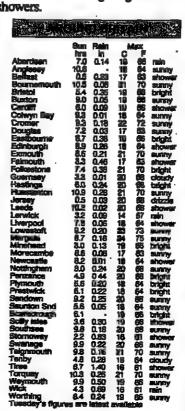


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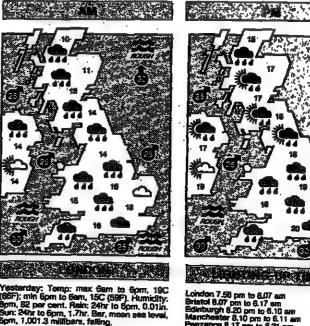
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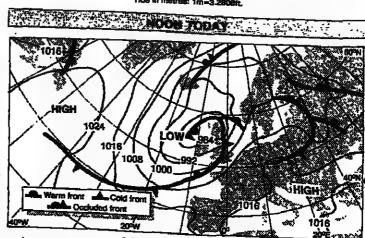
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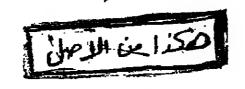
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OPENING LINES: the first chapters of some of this autumn's major novels

An innocent at the Booker



In Malcolm Bradbury's Doctor Criminale, fourth in our series, young columnist Francis Jay dons his

shellsuit, laces on his Reeboks and sets off to cover Britain's foremost literary event

s it happened (and most of this did more or less happen), I first met her at the Booker Prize for Piction. We both turned up at the great autumn prizegiving dinner in the London Guildhall; she was there to tell one kind of story, I was there to tell another. She was an assistant producer on the live television coverage for the BBC's Late Show, which for once was going out eartier than usual; I was covering the great event for the What's Happening section of the Serious Sunday newspaper I worked for — which, since the Booker Prize beanfeast feil on a Tuesday, meant that my copy was going out later than usual. And in the event it did not go out at all, for my Serious Sunday, as Serious Sunday newspapers seem to have a way of doing, went bankrupt in the interim.

So she was wrapped up in all the modern technics, the ducts and cabling, the lamps and dollies, the backpacks and betacams, that we need to turn real life into a technological fiction so that we can perceive it as reality again: I had a Biro and a spiral notepad in my pocket. She was red-haired, and clad in low-cut and thoug-tied black, as if she were about to attend some erotic funeral; I, because no one at the Serious Sunday had warned me that the Booker is a monkey-suit job, was rigged out in my usual green shellsuit and know, is an age of colour. She had arrived at the grittering London Guildhall, and as I was to discover from experience would later also leave it, in a long, low chauffeurdriven contract limousine; I had padlocked my mountain bike to some fine City of London lamppost or other and deposited my cycling helmet in the Guildhall's great downstars marble-vaulted loo. She, wired for sound and clipboard in hand, was already on duty in the bright glass-walled entrance lobby. halting the brightest and best of the great and the good as they entered, and asking them to give the cameras a tew sprightly words on the likely winning novel. And l. having wheedled an unwilling press-pass from the frosty guardgirls on the hostess desk, was following an ancient rule of my even more ancient profession, and heading through the lobby to the reception salon to get my frosted hands around a warming drink So she was media wise, and I was

word foolish; and it seemed that nothing in this weird wayward old celesto-system of ours could possibly have destined us to meet. But

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meet we somehow did. "You look
like a nice upstanding young
man," she said, halting me with her
clipboard, "Wouldn't you like to have your picture taken for the television? Now to this day, this very day (and by this I mean the day I sit down to write this, not the day when, with usual readerly lethargy, you sit down to read it, which could be years from now), I can't understand why she took the fatal decision to stop me rather than someone else, why she supposed that the snap opinions of a totally unknown literary journalist (if she even knew that that was what I was) on the year's prize fictions would be worth a groat to the tired evening viewer. Except of course that I can, because I was indeed a nice upstanding young man (and still am, I assure you, to this day, this very day), while most of the brightest and best of the great and the good, who were passing by in their ancient, wine soaked evening finery, were very definitely not.

> when asked, I consented. Except of course that I can, for who among us, however wise in other things, is not fool enough to be seduced by a little media attention, or doesn't suppose that by appearing on television our lives will somehow be made more real? I should have known better, but, frankly, there is nothing in this world more erotic than the searching, sucking lens of the television camera, especially when its claims are backed by the here of a red-haired, low-cut, thongshe smiled at me brightly, I consented to her warmly; and then she took my hand and led me aside to the camera set-up, tucked away just round the corner. Here she presented me to the presenter, who, like all Late Show presenters that year, was henna-haired, female, and heavily pregnant, set me in position before the truculent dark lens of the camera and its truculent dark cameraman, tilted my heard, tousled my hair, dabbed an acned spot or two on my face with powder. rearranged my legs a little, and left me to my fate.

Now to this day, this very day, I really cannot imagine why I then went on to say what I then went on to say. Except of course that I can. Because this particular Booker Prize happened to fall right in the hill or dark hollow between the Entrepreneurial Eighties and the Nervous, Nebulous, Nailbiting Nineties. In the Big World, out there beyond the formal London Guildhall and the new, post-modern financial towers of the City of London, more than forty years of history were daily coming unrav-elled. The Berlin Wall had only



and was already art marketplace (especially if you could find a piece that had actually been signed by Honecker). It was now Bush and not Reagan who presided over the golfcourses and budget deficits of the United States; but on the throne of Britain Margaret Thatcher was still in power, and in the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev still survived, the great architect of the age of glasnost and perestroika. Right across Eastern Europe the statues fell and the busts tumbled, of Lenin and Stalin, Ceausescu and Hoxha, now scrap metal, wasted history. Frontiers opened, half Albania was on the boats, independent republics were declaring themsleves, Germany was shaking hands with itself in re-unification, and everyone everywhere was talking about the Great Turn of the world.

o streetwise historians were announcing the End of History, journos like me were noting the Close of the Cold War, politicians every-where were talking of the New World Order, especially those in the New World. Marxism and the

command economy were plainly the other hand liberal capitalism wasn't doing so very well either. There was budget crisis in Washington, high-street recession in Britain, the fiscal jitters in Tokyo, and bank fraud all over the place. In Brussels Napoleonic dreamers were reinventing Europe, if they could just find out where its edges started and stopped. There was conflict in Yugoslavia, independence rioting in the Baltics, ethnic and tribal tension everywhere. Over the European fringes, Saddam Hussein (former Takriti street-fighter, and BBC World Service man of the year), thinking it was passing brave to be a king and ride in triumph through Persepolis, had sent a genocidal army to murder, rape and pillage in nearby friendly Kuwait. Meanwhile the millennium was to hand, the polar ice-cap was melting, the ozone layer depleting. There were sexual plagues, floods, droughts, severe famines, earthquakes, outbursts of boils and mass gatherings of locusts. To a nice upstanding young fellow like myself, in my green shellsuit and Reebok trainers, these were troubling days. They were also my days.

Meanwhile back in British flotion, it was nostalgia time. Nearly all six novels in the Booker shortlist were what, standing there glowing in the eye of the camera, I unwisely chose to call Granny Novels novels by authors apparently all on the further side of eighty, nearly every one of them tales about adolescent love affairs conducted to a point well short of turnescence under parasols on the beach at Deauville or Le Touquet (or just possibly in a punt on the Cam) in the long lovely summer of 1913. Think of it. Here was I, a young man born just before the year of the moonshot, someone for whom anything before the invention of Word Perfect was retrospect. Hardly surprising that I considered these as historical novels - even though their authors, understandably enough given their longevity. insisted they were entirely contemporary. Now I am a New Man, living in Camden (or Islington, as we prefer to call it). Of course I am never guilty of sexism, racism, even ageism, or gerontophobia. I believe the elderly deserve their say, like any other disadvantaged group. But I'm also a citizen of dirt-anddetritus London of the late sad

century, where homeless the streets, a trip down the London Underground reminds us that life in our failing metropoli increasingly resembles existence in war-torn Beirut, and the world of these novels was really not mine at all.

I'm older now. With the wisdom of hindsight I see I may have spoken a bit too freely, been a smidgen extreme, a mite extravagant, even laid it on a little. I was talking about books I had at best skirn-read, at worst digested simply by reading the blurb (to tell the truth, I found time to read some of them properly later, and they pleasantly surprised me). No doubt, as their authors claimed, they were born of the deep wisdom of a full human experience from the red-hot fires of the imagination. I now know it is often the young who are most nostalgic for the past they've yet to acquire, and have a lively instinct for faking history. I have discovered through effort (how much effort you'll see later, if you just read on) that even the lives of the old can be complicated, their response to existence wise, that there are things about history we

the set-up, try to share it. I was still an innocent; here in front of me was the television camera. And the problem with that is when the camera looks at you you think you are speaking to it, or maybe even to the pretty girl staring at you round the side of it, rather than the wider world beyond. I belong to the age of instant reaction - thinking, eating, emoting on the hoof. It was my onthe spot opinion TV asked for. It was my on-the-spot opinion TV got.

I chattered. Words like sentimental, parochial, traditional freely passed my lips. After a few sentences the henna-haired presenter cut me, rather curtly, I thought, off, the cameraman checked the tape she said that all the time, about all matters, good or bad). Someone else rolled up with the next victim. who was John Mortimer, or if not he someone of his size, mien, and standing; and l, stupidly glad to have had my moment of media fame, my time in filmic eternity, went on my way to the vast, vaulted reception hall, decked out with fine oil portraits of great London worthies, to gather my just reward in the form of a life-enhancing drink Here frilly-aproned waitresses stood waiting, as if glad to see me, on the wide stone steps, holding out silver trays laden with the condirelative, orange-juice, bottled water, bright gins-and-tonics into which the ice-cap was Antarctically meliing. I gathered up two glasses of champagne, one for myself and the other for a companion; after all I belong to that brilliant new generation who thinks that at parties you never know your luck. I would be among writers, who notoriously consider a drinks gathering a way into the penguin-suited room.

t took a while to realise that I had seriously misjudged the whole occasion. The fact is, at the Booker, the glitterati are not the literati at all. The first person I spoke to said he was Neil Kinnock, and I realised later he very probably was. Perhaps that is why my fascinating chatter about experimental fiction in the postpostmodern world did not go down very well. Someone else said he was Richard Rogers, whom I probably should have talked to about Post-Postmodernism, not about filmstars who rode horses. Someone else claimed to be the Governor of the Bank of England; someone else explained that he farmed some of or possibly the whole of the West Country. There were more bankers, businessmen, politicians, ambassadors from various countries where they read books. Although we Continued on page 5, col 3

Tomorrow: Sacred Country by Rose Tremain

Help, I'm coming apart at the seams

able. I'll grant you that a Bertrand Russell or a Bishop Berkeley can deal with the workaday imponderables, the where arewe-goings and the what's it all-fors. but sit René Descartes outside the changing room of the separates department in Fenwicks and see him deal with Mrs Descartes when she shuffles out in stockinged feet to ask him whether this skirt doesn't make her look, well, just a little on the bottomy side, and you'll see just

ome questions are unanswer-

how far Cartesian logic has yet to For these are the questions that truly can never be answered: does this dress make my legs look too stumpy? Is buttercup yellow my sort of colour? Is this skirt too short? A simple yes or no is insufficient a dissertation on legs or bosom or waist but the longer answer is equally treacherous: "Yes, now I come to think about it, it's furniy how that skirt does bring out the essential oak-like quality of your legs"; "No. I don't mind your dressing like a streetwalker from the wrong end of the Pigalle to

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meet great-cont Betty for the first

And yet I never learn. Twenty years ago, when I was just getting into those sort of relationships where an afternoon spent together in Chelsea Girl or Top Shop was considered a reasonable earnest of teenage good faith, I made the mistake of boasting to a girlfriend that I knew about clothes.

Not knew as in knew that trousers were being worn with 194-inch bottoms this week or that burgundy was the month before last's colour, but knew as in differentiating A line from Empire line or bias binding from overstitching. My mother had been a fashion designer, my grandfather ran one of the better known Piccadilly men's stores. I picked up basic tailoring in the playpen. More importantly there was an awkward period between the time

when I was first allowed to buy my

own clothes and the time I lest home for college when my mother would make a point of going over each new flimsy mayfly spanned fashion garment with her professional eye and listing its shortcom-ings the basting stitches left in, the too-skimpy hems, the tenuously held seams. Other 14-year-olds had

acne: I had a mother who would schlep me back to Frank's Trouser Bar to demand that the wretched Frank explain how he could even think about taking advantage of her impressionable boy by flogging him a set of strides with no shirtgrip on the waistband. I would have preferred the acne, I think. At least it would have

submitted to antibiotics. But at least I knew enough to bluff about clothes. Other boys would slump on the stool outside



the changing room, a surly glower not quite masking the shame of spending their Saturday afternoon among the racks of frilly polycotton while real men were watching Tottenham win again (which shows how long ago all this was) or sinking pints. Their girlfriends would come out and put them

among at in one pouring enced by Vanghan Williams's rebearsal. He had every note

through the inquisition, and as they were stretched on the rack of "D'you think I ought to try the red again?" and branded with the hot steel of "Perhaps if I try on a different size 12 it might be cut bigger" all they could do was squirm and hope that a grunt might be taken for the right answer. But me, I relished it.

"Of course the fabric's too heavy for the style" I'd say, or "It's that bust dart which is putting the whole thing out": meaningless waffle but at least it did provide an answer more acceptable than "It makes you look like a bag of shopping". And because I learnt to insult the clothes rather than their wearer 1 got a reputation as a lad who was good to go shopping with. I even began to believe it myself. But inside I was sniggering. Fancy, I

unsure of yourself that you have to spend two hours choosing a pair of eans: how ridiculous, I smirked, to have to walk in a crouch up and down Dolcis holding a mirror at ground level to see how the shoes

looked at each state of foot-flex. But it's started happening to me. Last week I was sent to interview a particularly gorgeous French film star. I'd been told that she was a nervous, difficult subject and that she reacted to journalists on an individual basis rather than taking the standard film star line which is that all writers this side of Norman Mailer are scum. I'd watched her movies on tape, prepared my questions carefully, but for once that didn't feel enough. There was still something wrong. "These jeans," I said to my girlfriend. They don't make me look a bit, you know, stocky do they?"
"You mean short and fat? No.

the fore in Backbeat, about the you see how?

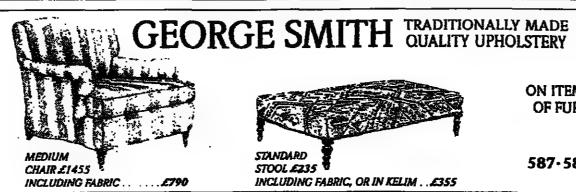
What do you mean 'not really? "I mean no, they don't Put the other ones on though if it worries

"The other ones? You mean these do make me look short and fat, don't vou?"

And as we went through the jeans and the shirt ("a bit tight across the stomach would you say?") and the jacket ("Does green go with denim?") I could hear myself sexually transmogrified and shuffling out of a hundred changing rooms in a hundred women's clothing shops saying "Can I wear this blouse with no jacket and these shoulders?". And I resolved that in future ... well what? That I should tell the truth outside the changing room when confronted with something tentlike or sausage-skin tight? That I should lie even more convincingly? No; my resolution is more liberating than either of those it's 20 years too late, but next time Spurs are at home I'll be spending Saturday afternoon at White Hart Lane. They might even start winning again.

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THE GLENLIVET FIREWORKS CONCERT: Amongst a varied programme uncluding works by 6izer, Sibelius and Orff, the Tcharkovsky theme is continued with some of his most popular works: the Waltz and Polonase from Eugene Onega and the Marche Slave, as well as his Festival Coronation March commissioned by the dity of March commissioned by the only of Moscov, to be played in a public part. Ross Bandstand, 11pm

THE BLACK AND WHITE MINSTRELS: The C.P. Taylor celebration continues with his fart cornedy of the hazards of being a contemporary liberal. A King's Head Treatre Club production Church Hill Theatre, Momingade Road Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm Mai Sat,

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but ho-hum sequel, best when the spotlight falls on Michelle Pterfler's

electrifying Catwoman Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, director, Tim Burton Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Fulhern Road (071-370 2636) MGM

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nove up the scale from amoeta to list to binds to man To a soundtract ranging from lanet lackson to Japanese flure music they develop into a busy crowd in modern lagan, eagerly chasing the tuture. Followed by a run at London's Bridge Lane Theatre. Edinburgh Playhouse Studio 2, 18–22 Greenside Place, Today-Sat, 3pm. KEPLER: An evocation of the life of one of the most creative and original minds in history, set in the cheap ledging house or Rapsbon where he eventually ded in 1630. Fifth Estate ines to explore the meaning of the life of a man who partially bridged the gap between the dark world of supersition and the militate possibities of the universe as we know it holds, as selected through the coron of his senior. refracted through the prism of his own

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Sara Yelland

Chaptaincy Centre, Bosto Square Tonight-Sat, 5.50pm.

A NIGHTMAILE FOR C DANWIN Young Japanese durice troupe Shanghai Taro Buto Koushi returns to Edinburgh with a comic show based on the rheory of evolution. Dancers drawn from

ballet, Jazz, tap, breakdanong and traditional Chinese and Japanese dance move up the scale from amoeba to lish

dying delimim.
Netherbow Theatre, 43 High Street
Tonight-Sat, 8.30pm Until Sept 5 (not
Sundays).

BITTER MOON: Roman Polansio's new film is premiered by the film (estival) Or a trainty cruser bound for the Orient a wheelchair-bound American, Oscar, recounts for a straightaced young Englishman the tale of his consumering passion for his wrife in a series of ital-blackets serial engineering that the consumering that the passion for his wrife in a sense of ilashbacks, sexual experimentation, perversion, sabation, benedom and hatted are reveated and the young man and his wrife are mystemoush drawn unawares into an ultimately deadly sexual game. Typically, the well-inowin film-maker trurist the conventional tomance and highlights the darker passions and the dangers of exceptive. psychological and physical intimacy. Filmhouse 1, 88 Listhian Road.

Edinburgh Fringe Festinal (Box office:031-226-5138) ELSEWHERE

BBC PROMS: The BBC Symphony Orchestra feeture Shostal onch's incidental music to the 1931 cornedy revue. Hypothetically Murdered, presented from the comprehend. arranged from the composer's prano stretches by Gerard McBurney His waity treverent music includes genre pieces. Irenetic gallops and waltzes making up a brilliant pastiche. Duoral, 's overture a brillant pastiche Dioral, 's overture "Othello", Gneg's Piano Concerto in A minor and Strates's "Till Eulenapegel" complete the programme Royal Albert Hall, Kerrsingson Gore, London SW7 (071-823-9998), 7.30pn

London SW7 (071-823-9988), 7.30pm; RIGOLETTO: Jonathan Maller's malioso-style production of the opera returns to the Colseum Set in Fifties, gangland New York, Rigoletto's possesses relaborshap with his daughter, Calda, end discovery of her affair with "the Duke", leader of the local malia, mogers a chain of events with trage conclusions, John Rawinsley and Arthur Davies sing the roles of Rigoletto and "the Duke", and Cathrin Pope plays Calda for the high time Lundon Collegium, St Marten's Lane, London WC2 (071-836-3161/240-5258). Opens torright, 7.30pm, Until Sept 30.

THE MEIOLY WIVES OF WINDSOR IN David Thacker's production, Benjaner Whitros: plays the fat lought in love and in the faundry basket. Royal Shekespeare Theirtra. Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 688 10789-2956231 Proviews from longht, 7 30pm Opens Sept 2, 7pm. Then in recertoire.

THE OEDIPUS PLAYS: Gerand Murphy in the title role of Adhan Noble's thrifting thiogy, first seen last year at Stratford. With Linda Marlowe and John

Strapnel.
Barbican Centre, Silt. Street, London
FC2 (071-638 8891) Previews tonight,
Oedipus Tytannos, and tomorrow
Oedipus at Colonus and Antigone, 15pm Complete trilogy previews t, Sept 3, 4 30pm. Opens Sept 10,

Steadman playing the raucous slattern in tim Cartwinght's play about dreams, shyness and horrible mothers. Nazional (Cottesloe!, South Bank, SET 1071-928 2252) Torright, 7-30pm, mat today, 2-30pm, 150mms.

1) SIX DEBREES OF SEPARATIONS

Stockard Channing as the not New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fire play. Connedly, Panton Street, SWI (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm 90mins.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Philip Prowse's Imumphant RSC production John Carlisle as a callous

anstorat in Wilde's social melodrama laced with wit Theatre Royal, Haymari et, SW1 1071-930 8800 | Mon-Sal, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm 165mms

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only
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486 2431) Tonight, tomorrow, 8рт. 165mins

A MIDSUMMER MIGHT'S DREAM: Acted in a pool of mud, Robert Lepage's production is long and murky but irradiated with magical images. National (Olivier). South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Tonight-Sat, 7-15pm, mais today, Sat, Zpm. [45mms. THE MIGHT OF THE NJUANA:

Alfred Moina and 3 superb Eleen Aduns in Tennessee Williams's play on the effects of serual repression. Last performances, ends Aug 31.

National (Lytheton), South Banis, SE1 to71-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm. mat Sat, 2,15pm 180mins.

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and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Stries songs Ambassadons, West Street, London WC2 1071-836 61 11; Mon-Thurs, 3 15pm, Fn and Sal, 5 30pm and 8 30pm, 120mins □ PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEI: Brian Finel's affectionale comedy of an Insh emigrant and his carping after ego. A rewell to be chenshed Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, VCZ (001-867 1116), Non-Fin, Spin, Str. 3, 15 or, mark Widd. Zhim, Scr. ☐ LADY, BE GOOD! Ian Talbot's Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mms admirable staging of the Gershwins' famous song and dance show Bernard Chobins plays a como laviver THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Terrific performance by Alise

en Air, Regent's Park, NVV1 :071-

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BELLE DE JOUR (18) Buriural's classic, which tells of the adventurous libido of a bourgeois wife. Cool and competing m a Sparkling new pnnt. MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6149)

 LETHAL WEAPON 3 (15)* Rousing cornedy and mayhem with LA, cops Riggs and Murtaugh Mel Gibson, Riggs and Murtangh Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Ice Pesor; Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chatean (071-353 5094) MGM Halymarket (071-353 5094) MGM Chatean (071-353 5094) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Shafresbury Avenue (071-36 6279/379 7025) MGMI Trocadero (071-72 6705) Oxforn Marble Arch (071-77 6705) Oxforn Marble Arch (071-77 6705) Oxforn Marble Arch (071-352 5772) Screen on Baker Street (071-353 332).

• MY COUSIN VINNY (15) Tale of a

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noscic lawyer oternomy a murber charge down South Uncertain comic vehicle for Ion Pesci; bright support from Marsa Tomel, Fred Gwyrine MeiM Tottenham Court Read II/71-636 61481 Odeones: Kensington (0426 914666) IJCI Whiteleys (071-792 9337) Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) 33321.

> NIGHT ON EARTH (15): Five tragicomic encounters in five right-brile taxs. Uneven but amrable Jim Jarmusch compendium. Roberto Benigni. Gena Rowlands, Béatrice Dalle

Date Canden Piaza (07 F-185 2443) Gate 107 1-727 40431 Lumière (071-836 0691) MGM Fulham Road (071-370

 NOISES OFF (15) Coarsened adaptation of Michael Prayn's farce about a theatmoal undupe Sometimes succeeds in spite of riself. Michael Carne. Carol Burnetts director, Peser Reporter, page 1997. Bogdanovich **Odeon H***aymar***ket** (0426 915353)

Odeon Haymarket (0426 91535.3)

• THE PLAYER (15): Dazzing satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Ateman from Michael Tollun's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who loils a writer, pikus carneos galore Barbican (071-638-8831) MIGM Chelses (071-352 5096) MIGM Haymarket (071-839 1537) MIGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MIGM Control (071-431 0031) Odeons: Kensinston 071-43 00311 Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Renoi (071-837-8402) Screen on Baker Speet (071-935-2772) UCI Whitaleys (071-792 3332).

THEATRE: EDINBURGH

Not likely to add lustre to his name

THOUGH planned as a celebration of a neglected playwright, the C.P. Taylor season looks set to consign his works to oblivion. Benedict Nightingale recorded his dismay at the two plays shown last week and here are two more. wretchedly written and directed to match. If next week's Good, said to be his finest, turns out to give the lie to its title, then Glasgow, Taylor's home city, will conclude that Edinburgh has mounted the whole sorry season as a

The Black and White Minstrels dates from the mid-Seventies, and in a production by Michael Rudman, with Torn Conti and Alan Howard, transferred then from the Traverse to Hampstead. I remember liking it there but, as a noble judge once observed



Operation Elvis: Andy Milarvie as the Presley-obsessed Mark

BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S War Requi-

em ought by now to have gone down in

history as one of those pieces which

worked well enough on the specific

occasion for which it was written - the

consecration of Coventry Cathedral -

but which thereafter fell foul of its own

weaknesses. But despite its tendency to

resort to easy effect, such as the hyper-

drama, straight from Berlioz or Verdi,

of some of the choruses, or the

deliberately sentimental use of choir-

boys as symbols of purity and inno-

cence, it can still move. That it did so

with a vengeance in this performance

by the European Community Youth

Orchestra, fresh from a triumphant

Prom. was all the more notable since it

did so despite two unsatisfactory solo-

ists. The young Georgian soprano Makvala Kasrashvili's distinctive, hard

sound reminded one of Vishnevskaya,

THE week began with a diptych of

choral concerts: on one wing. Berlioz's

L'Enfance du Christ, a gently hand-

painted tableau of Provencal santon

figures: on the other, dominated by

Haydn's Theresienmesse and Te

Deum, brilliant with the white and

gold flamboyance of the Austro-Hun-

Because of the essential intimacy of

the Berlioz - the soft-focus choruses,

the naive realism of the verbal and

musical detail, the little chamber

concert chez les Palestiniens - it was

possibly better enjoyed at home on the

radio. No matter how incisive and highly coloured the singing of the BBC

Symphony Chorus, no maner how strong and sensitively nuanced the

narration of Martyn Hill, the energy of

much of the music was diffused in the

great space of the Albert Hall, and one felt strangely distanced from the work.

This was, nevertheless, an exception-

ally well-cast performance. David Ath-

erton, conducting, sharply delineated

garian Empire.

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when reversing his opinion, "The matter does not appear to me now as it appears to have appeared to me then." As a critique of earnest left-wing sentiments, whatever charm and shrewdness Taylor's play once pos-sessed have turned into silliness and tedium. This is gloomy news for Islington, whither (to the King's Head) this production travels next week.

In five scenes we are shown a day in the life of Cyril Jackson, a supposedly gifted playwright in the throes of a writing block, who enjoys, if that is the word, a ménage à quatre with his wife Gil and another married couple, the insupportably boring Harry and the mindlessly subservient Pat. He also suffers from a frightful Nigerian lodger (female), whom he is trying to evict, though when a rent tribunal finds in his favour his liberal conscience compares his behaviour to that of the United States in Vietnam (remember Vietnam?) and Hitler with the Jews.

Taylor set out to pin-point a real dilemma of the time just because someone is black, surely we are not obliged to like her? In one of the play's few near lines Cyril cries, "I don't hate her skin - I hate her guts!" But when it comes to articulating this dilemma in dramatic form. Taylor does absolutely nothing. Atara, the Nigerian, played with many a piercing squawk by Yvonne Gidden, is endlessly talked about during her absence in the first scene. In the second, the crass Harry Uames McKenna) goes up to her room and says how much they all love her. She loves Cyril too, it seems, even if she shows her feelings by pouring sugar into his car's petrol tank, and unexpectedly she bursts into the third scene to



Piercing squawk: Atara (Yvonne Gidden) and Harry (James McKenna) in C.P. Taylor's Black and White Minstrels at the Church Hill

shout abuse at him. If this confrontation was ever funny, splicing together several angry outbursts, it is laboured and heavy under Linda Marlowe's direction. There is no pace, there is no excitement, there is no reason to care a fig for these banal and spineless

Jason Isaacs, playing Cyril, at least has the measure of the Church Hill Theatre's fearful acoustics. His performance is far too listless, but is not so irritating as McKenna's Harry, for which his author is more seriously to

Taylor expects us to believe that his foursome has established a pattern of easy-going wife-swopping, that begins to break up when the women (Katy Murphy, Andrea Gibb) take the initiative and turn it into husband-swopping. But neither performances nor direction nor dialogue install the relationships in any reality.

MEANWHILE, out at the distant Com Exchange, the Byre Theatre has

disinterred one of Taylor's plays for children, Operation Elvis, A ten-yearold boy likes to believe he is the young Presley, wears the Presley suit to school and strums the right tunes on his guitar. Andy Milarvie, in his first professional role, has the plump young chicken look of the early Elvis, but gives no suggestion of being a child. He strikes up a friendship with a spastic girl and just knows a real human being is in there somewhere. He takes her on a boat and finds his own identity, rather touchingly, thereby.

But Maggie Kinloch's direction does

not show the attention to detail that a professional production requires. The acoustics in this cavernous vault are even worse than at the Church Hill. distorting or deadening the strong Glasgow speech that already presents its problems to the Sassenach ear. Mercifully, the play is short and mercifully my exposure to Taylor's work is now over.

and the expressive, unforced flexibility

of his voice drew all the disparate

strands together: here was the real

meaning of the piece, here the chief

reason for its survival.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Youth and beauty

but her sense of drama, phrase and, occasionally... pitch let her down; and the tenor lan Caley. who in the perfor-

mances of the work on the ECYO's tour, in Nice and Rome, will be replaced by Anthony Rolfe Johnson, complemented his stridently thin

sound with uninspired reactions to Wilfred Owen's lines. rescued at two crucial points in the enemies' meeting in death, Wilson-

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sion, using his experience of more intimate music to distil, as it were, all the foregoing theatrical gestures into something personal and deeply meant: in this case, anger at war. And in the climactic "It Seemed That Out Of Battle I Escaped", where The performance was more or less Caley missed the strangeness of the tic commitment one expects of youth.

The choral singing by the London Symphony Chorus, the boys of Coven-Johnson. In "Be try Cathedral Choir and the St Mi-Slowly Lifted Up. Thou Long Black Arm" he palpably increased the ten-

chael's Singers, was strong, confident and dramatic, but also well controlled. as the hushed singing at the end of the "Recordare" showed. Mstislav Rostmpovich conducted as passionately as one might expect from one who has himself directly experienced so much conflict, while Christopher Bell took able charge of the excellent chamber group which partners the male soloists. he ECYO played with all the idealis-

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work by the baritone David Wilson- Johnson's sheer force of concentration

Contrasting glories

the mood of each of the three tableaux. recreated both aurally and visually. "Herod's Dream" was experienced all but vicariously in the voice of David Wilson-Johnson: heavy, indeed, hung this head that wore the crown. "The Flight into Egypt" was framed by the aura of some wonderfully invisible angels; and "The Arrival at Sais" intensely humanised by the poignant Mary of Am Murray and Stephen

Roberts's stalwart Joseph.
For Trevor Pinnock's all-Haydn
Prom. with the choir and period instruments of the orchestra of The English Concert, there was simply no substitute for real physical presence in the hall. Seldom is the exuberance of Haydn so gleefully freed from the pages of the score. And seldom is his originality and delight in writing

Two symphonies separated the two choral works. The "Maria Theresia" lived the pageantry of its C-major splendour to the full, with Pinnock sending up sparks from the harpsi-chord as the high horns bayed and

whooped their way through the first movement. The menuet, like the slow movement of Symphony No 101 later in the evening, was taken slowly enough to be truly lively: its steady tread gave the horns just the scope they needed for their moments of audacity. When it came to the "Military" Symphony itself, the famous Allegretto

which gave the work its name became a sedate procession of antique percussion glimpsed down the corridor of time. A great drum sounded and

looked as if it had done service in the Napoleonic wars, a coppery pair of cymbals were activated, it seemed, by a carved figure from Vienna's clock museum, and a sweet, rusty triangle kept time.

These were the irresistible surface details for ear and eye: the groundswell of the symphony revealed Pinnock's wonderfully assured sense of its proportions in time and space, tempo and texture. His Theresienmesse. 100, was an encyclopaedia of the composer's unique wit and sense of drama. Nancy Argenta festooned the Gloria with cross-accents. With Catherine Robbin, Michael Schade and Alastair Miles, this tended to be a dark-hued palette of soloists. Light filtered through their shade, though, in the choir's contribution, with Pinnock propelling them forward, only to delay every moment of harmonic resolution as long as he

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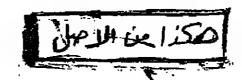
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Cinema: Geoff Brown on Juice, The Cutting Edge, New Directors '92 and Hitler — A Film From Germany

Tired of watching them take the rap

have a dream. I am watching a film by an exciting new black American director. People have jobs, and presentable clothes; the kids go to school, and can talk in long sentences without using four-letter words. Nobody hangs out on corners, does drugs, touts shotguns or robs the convenience store. Instead of listening to rap, house and hip hop, characters savour something classical: Bach's Goldberg Variations, for

The reality is different I am watching Juice (MGM Trocadero. Electric Cinema, Ritzy. 15), the first film directed by Ernest R. Dickerson. Spike Lee's regular cinematographer. For its genre, this is a

superior film. 'Black American The Harlem youths are well experience portrayed; the rap sounds could the oldest stretches way bones shaking. And it all comes beyond violence wrapped in a on dismal streets' and writte are not the .mart way to

At first Q, Raheem, Steel and Bishop — the four lead characters commit minor offences. They ignore school; they shoplift; in an exhibitatiing sequence they give cops the slip, along alleys, through houses, across roofs. Trouble starts when they catch White Heat on television, and see Jimmy Cagney cry "Made it, mai Top of the world!" before he goes up in flames. Impressed by this grand exit, Bishop goads the others into armed robbery of a grocery store.

From this, all evil flows. The store owner is shot dead. Bishop (played by Tupac Shakur, from the group Digital Underground) spins out of control, and turns his gun on his friends. "You got the juice now, man!" the gang's lone survivor is told at the end; but a freeze frame of his shaking head makes it clear that the "juice" (slang for power and status) has turned sour.

Bishop's descent into a crazed killer sorts strangely with the realistic approach of earlier scenes, and smacks of commercial compromise. But the fresh-faced cast rise to the challenge. Omar Epps proves particularly effective as Q, the group's conscience, an aspiring disc jockey who at least gets as far as opening his school locker. Dickerson drives the story forward even when its logic falters, and keeps the visual texture as rich as the dingy settings allow.

Now we need these talented black directors — the Dickersons, Lees and John Singletons — to escape their own urban ghetto: for the black American experience stretches way beyond guns and violence on dismal streets. By dishing out more of the same in film after film Hollywood's black talent stunt their own growth. They also run the risk of fanning fires that need no encouragement When Juice opened in Los Angeles this January, one

> person died in gang incidents. Such violence at acreenings of Edge (MGM Haymarket, PG) is most unlikely unless the audi ence fights for the exit. Those who

may stay put: this ice skating tale rounds them up with great diligence. Mora Keily (a bright newcomer, seen in Billy Bathgate) is the ice queen Kate, a tempestuous brat in need of a partner who can stay the course. Enter D.B. Sweeney, a bumptious hockey player who loses his peripheral vision and reluctantly tries a new line of work. The pair fight endlessly; they fall in love; they also enter the 1992 Winter Olympics in

Clearly, there is a lot here to swallow. Director Paul Michael Glaser — once one-half of Starsky and Hutch - keeps the cameras swirling at high speed, but still cannot hide the fake shots of skating stand-ins. (Robin Cousins served as technical adviser and choreographer.) We must also accept that a beefy figure-skating novice can reach Olympic standards of skill and elegance in just a few months.

Still, there are crumbs of comfort. Kelly and Sweeney perform their daft characle with spirit; and Roy Dotrice, with contorted grammar and a judy accent, is Anton



Before he himself spins out of control: Bishop (Tupac Shakur, centre) faces the threat of violence on the street in Juice

Pamchenko, legendary coach from the Ukraine. "Always iss komink ze big B - vot a bitchl" he cries, pondering his star pupil's misdemeanours. You have to smile.

ow I have another dream. I am watching a selection of shorts by new film-makers, sponsored by the British Film Institute. There are no oppressed racial or sexual groups; nobody mooches on a seashore or suffers tower-block Argst. The directors are bursting with a sheer love of cinema, and their scale of reference stretches back into history, far beyond Derek Jarman, Spike Lee and scratch video. They know what a good film is, even if they cannot quite make

I wake up. I am watching New Directors '92 (Metro, for one week), the fourth annual showcase of six new shorts, all made for £30,000 or less. One at least breaks clear of the rut: Mark Nash's haunting Between Two Worlds. Nash teaches film and has written a book on Carl Dreyer, one of cinema's most ascetic directors. Unsurprisingly, there is no camera frenzy. The crisp, quiet images, delicately interwoven with home movie footage, take us to the heart of the matter: the strange emotional bond between a homosexual and his Czech émigré analyst.

The other bright spot is Capoeira Quickstep. Gillian Lacey and Roberto Mader's entertaining blend of fiction and documentary whisks us through the history of the Brazilian dance — first developed by African slaves brought to Brazil by the Portuguese, and now undergo-

ing mutation in Britain. Elsewhere, the going is tough. Danny Thompson's black comedy Enemy/Private Friends while lively enough, lacks all visual sense. Sonali Fernando's towerblock tale Shakti can at least be marked down as a brave failure, but Cheryl Farthing's lesbian reverie Rosebud is abominably arch. When short films disappoint, why

not try something long? Hans Jürgen Syberberg's Hitler - A Film From Germany, completed in 1977, lasts seven hours and 17 minutes. The Edinburgh Film Festival got through this rarely screened epic on Tuesday; on September 4. the ICA Cinema brings it to London for two weeks. Syberberg shoots in his tableau style: the camera immobile, the actors in the studio before projected backgrounds and archive footage. Through vignettes and monologues packaged into 22 "chapters". Syberberg delves deep into Hitler's grip on the world's psyche. No soft option, for sure, the film demands attention, and has no equal in cinema history.

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Cardiff calling

ATTENTION may be fo-cused on the Scottish capital this month, but come September 17 the Welsh capital weighs in with a festival that could give Edinburgh a run for its money. The three-week Cardiff Festival will combine concerts, theatre productions and art exhibitions. Welsh National Opera's new productions — including Elektra and Tosca — are to play alongside Music Theatre Wales's world premiere of a new opera, Ubu.

composed by Andrew Toovey. The festival will host several foreign orchestras: the Moscow Radio Symphony Orches-tra, the Budapest Symphony and, on a first visit to Britain, the Belgrade String Orchestra. German Voices, a collection of German theatrical talent, will feature the Cologne-based dance theatre company Leibliches Theater. Literary events include readings by Benjamin Zephaniah and a science fiction con-

New broad

BROADWAY gets an unlikely opening on October 29 when London's long-running thriller, The Woman in Black, has its premiere at the Music Box Theatre. Aside from rare exceptions such as Sleuth, thrillers traditionally fare badly in New York. The Music Box's previous tenant was also British: a production of Alan Ayckbourn's play, A Small Family Business, which closed

Last chance . . .

JUST when ideas for political plays were thinning, the Berlin Wall came down and opened up new territory for dramatists. Roy MacGregor's Phoenix is one of the better results, bringing a former terrorist back from East Germany to meet her jazz trumpeter father and joining her story with that of a former colleague turned respectable. The pace and acting generate real excitement in this production, which closes on Saturday at the Bush (081-743 3388).

GALLERIES: CHELTENHAM

Cotswolds echoes of a crafty generation

John Russell Taylor on a show celebrating local figures in

the Arts and Crafts movement at the beginning of this century

uring the early Eight-ies there was a classic series of shows in Birmingham concerning the major figures of the local Arts and Crafts movement, people such as Southall and the Gaskins, none of whom had been up to that time properly documented or evaluated. A change of location for George Breeze, now chief art gallery and museums officer in Cheltenham, seemed to bring the Birmingham series to an end, but happily started another series, concerned with the Cotswold hotbed of Arts and Crafts geographically and emotionally close to Chel-

tenham. The first of these was devoted to C.R. Ashbee, and the effects of his transplanting his Guild of Handicraft from the east end of London to Chipping Campden. The new show, rejoicing in the wonderfully period title Good Workmanship with Happy Thought, concerns the work of two lesser lights, Alfred and Louise Powell. The Cotswold connection with Alfred is admittedly tenuous: he was early on in the same architect's office as Ernest Gimson and Ernest Barnsley, both subse-

anadians get justifiably touchy about the

world's reluctance to

recognise their country's cul-

tural contributions. Didn't you

name needs a European ring.

quently important figures in the heyday of Cotswold Arts and Crafts furniture, and one of his brothers subsequently worked with Barnsley (while another studied bookbinding under Douglas Cockereill 1901 the Powells worked in the area after building themselves a house at Tunley, in particular turning their talents to painting furniture by Gimson, Barnsley and

All these craftsmen subscribed to the same sort of uplifting moral view of craftsmanship, and were tightly bound together, whichever guild they belonged to, by close links of friendship and marriage. In a sense the Powells carried this Morrisderived ethos a stage further, in that they did not share some of the more fanatical craftsmen's blanket disapproval of

Alfred continued to practice architecture, in a very crafts-manlike way, feeling that he had to be able to do all the individual handicraft jobs himself and function as master-of-works. But Louise (originally Lessore, and sister of Sickert's wife) had trained in calligraphy, under Edward

Johnston, and in embroidery. Her grandest work was the completion of Morris's calligraphy for his own illuminated manuscript of the Aeneid, left unfinished at his death. And naturally with this background she was more open to the idea of decoration for pottery than perhaps her husband was. Even for commercially produced pottery.

> dmittedly Wedgwood was widely regarded as a special case, an industry run along properly art-conscious lines. And what the Powells were able to do, from 1904 on, was to reintroduce the idea of hand-painting in the Potteries, where for some time it had been widely dismissed in favour of transfer printing and modern technology. Alfred was approached through W.R. Lethaby at the Central School: Wedgwood wanted someone who could design in the then fashionable Art Nouveau style, of which Lethaby strongly disapproved. But after a reassuring visit to Etruria Alfred was recommended, and before long both the Powells were working on pottery design and decoration. Alfred, indeed, was still paint-



ing pots when 90 years old. Much of this show is devoted to their ceramic work, for Wedgwood and others, which is strongly personal and so independent of current fashions and fads that it would be very difficult indeed to date. There is also one particularly splendid example of their furniture-painting, an ebony and satinwood cabinet of c.1925 painted by Louise; some documentation of Alfred's architectural work, including a perspective rendering by him of an astonishing competition design by Gimson for, appar-

the metabyork, calligraphy and such which were a normal part of the all-round craftsman's repertory.

Some of it is routine, though with more than its complement of period charm. But the ceramic work is remarkable for what it represents in the marriage of craft and industry, as well as on its own account just as design. It is good to have another piece of the great Arts and Crafts jigsaw puzzle so devotedly filled in.

 Cheltenham Art Gallery a Museum, Clarence Street, Chel-tenham, Gloucestershire (0242 250019) Mon-Sat 10am-5.20pm, Sun 2-5.20pm, until September 5

PROMS PREVIEW

Setting a table in perfect taste

know, they will ask testily, that musik has been under the Donald Sutherland, Saul Bellow, Lynn Seymour, Michael J. Fox and John Kenneth Galleadership of Jeanne Lamon, the first violin who doubles as musical director, since 1981; braith are all Canadian? Yet Lamon took over after a gentle for a Canadian baroque chamber orchestra to develop an putsch by the board, taking international reputation its control from the founders. Lamon, along with managing director Ottie Lockey, have Talelmusik, meaning banbrought Tafehnusik to a prominence rare for a North

queting music and picked because of the three volumes of written by the German American chamber orchestra. Between them, and through baroque composer Georg Tafelmusik's beguiling perfor-Philip Telemann, was an inmances at its base, Trinity St spired choice. The Toronto-Paul's United Church in Toperiod instrument ronto — which has a fine group has just begun the most acoustic but still has to be ambitious European tour of its cleared for Sunday services young life — the average age of Lamon and Lockey have so far the players is 27 - with the won two successive contracts highlight being its Proms debut on Tuesday. On either with Sony Classical. And recording plans are going far beyond the end of the current side of that concert, the ensemble's programme has perforone in 1994. mances in Holland, at the Utrecht Early Music Festival.

The secret has been having Switzerland and France and a a core of players who play for no other baroque group, so that we are probably the only recording session in Haartern. Founded in 1979, TafelSimon Tait meets Tafelmusik, a

Canadian group in Europe for a tour

including a Prom early music ensemble which has a recognisable sound of its own," says Lamon. "There are seven or eight musicians who have been with us as long as I

have. We also rehearse hard

and are not afraid to strain

musicians' egos to get some-

thing right." There are rumours that Sony wants Tafelmusik to record all the Haydn symphonies. They have already released six CDs of Mozart. Gluck, Geminiani and four flute concertos, with one of Vivaldi and two of Haydn to come in October. The record-

ing session after the Prom is to

be of Boccherini and the four Mozart horn concertos with the Dutch horn player Ab Koster. The partnership with Sony has also meant another unusual element for a chamber orchestra, a principal guest conductor, who is Bruno Weil.

ently, the whole of Canberra;

and many odds and ends of

Talelmusik's success is in contrast to the fortunes of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. The TSO has no recording contract, no tours planned and debts of \$3.7 million. It has only just avoided bankruptcy and closure thanks largely to its new managing director, Max Tapper, who got the 120 players to agree to a 15-percent pay reduction in a three-

Tafelmusik believes the contrast in their fortunes reflects changes in audience taste. "Like publishing, where 20 years ago everybody in North America subscribed to Life magazine and now there are 100 magazines covering the area, the public is not satisfied with one large symphony orchestra's repertoire," says Lamon. "It wants specialists, and to be able to turn to an nsemble like ours."

ockey adds: "Our audience has to feel it has access to us, and there can be something forbidding about a very large symphony orchestra. We have a core of 16 players and we can expand to as many as we like if we need to, so that we have a flexibility to adapt to any requirement and that's part of the secret of our success.

Tuesday's programme has Handel Biber, Telemann, Vivaldi and Boccherini in it, not a typical Tafelmusik concert. "John Drummond, the director of the Proms, wanted a sampler from us, so it's a bit of a mish-mash," Lamon says.
"He specifically didn't want Boccherini, but since we're recording it this trip we've got it in anyway. For us, the Prom is the high point of what we've done so far."

■ Tafelmusik is at the Albert Hall (071–823 9998), Tuesday, 10pm

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Neither gone nor forgotten

The function of the television "mini-series" is still a bit of a mystery to me. Why does downmarket television drama have to be diested on consecutive nights? Is it something to do with the obscure science of advertising and target audiences?

Or is it because the average viewer is now considered too impatient to stay the majestic eight-week course of an I, Claudius or Brideshead Revisited? I think we should be told.

Perhaps the secret agenda of the mini-series is to replace the novel as an imaginative experience, to be consumed at two or three sittings in the comfort of your own home. This week's 1920s courtroom drama Cross of Fire (BBC 1, Tuesday and last night) seemed to be muscling in on the territory of E.L. Doctorow's historical novels, which have explored the culture, racism and disorder of ragtime America to brilliant effect. Not surprisingly, the mini-series suffered by

If nothing else, the murder trial of Ku Klux Klan leader D.C. Stephenson, tipped as presidential candidate for 1928 before his spectacular fall from grace, was compelling subject matter, a strange insight into a time when the Democratic Party was a KKK stronghold.

In those days, the Klan was trying to shed its redneck image. The idea was to sell itself as benign protector of "intensified Americanism", funding welfare services and schools, rather than as the oldfashioned oppressor of blacks. dashing about the night in pointy-head costumes.

The rich and charismatic Stephenson was the lynchpin of the transformation, bring-ing the Klan to the brink of respectability and raising its membership to six million. But, by a macabre twist of fate. the world was spared the odium of a Ku Klux Klan president by Stephenson's murder of Madge Oberholt-zer, a liberal teacher who had rejected his sexual advances. Disowned even by his own lynch-mobs, he served 31 years in jail, before being sent down again for assaulting a

In spite of some wellchosen newsreel footage showing thousands of Klansmen marching on Washington in their robes, Cross of Fire never quite pulled it off. Stephenson, promoted to Grand Dragon, became suitably wild-eyed and boozy as plot thickened and evil rose implacably to the

But there was little sense of religious fundamentalism, bithe Klan's true menace, even

in the courtroom scenes in which wily old Lloyd Bridges for the defence battled it out with the late Madge's wimpish boyfriend, a youthful prosecuting attorney desperate to prove himself. It all seemed a bit breezy: was the court supposed to be settling the future of America or just a domestic" turned nasty?

dozy melodrama was a sense of historic immediacy. Look how bad America used to be, it said. Yet the Klan's formula of

gotry and populist politics is still a shamefully successful one, which - as former grand wizard David Duke's bid for the governorship of Louisiana last year showed - continues to haunt the mainstream. Purple robes, burning crosses and reptilian titles may belong to the realm of the absurd; but talk of Christian "family values" and white versus black What was lacking in this remains common coin in modern American politics.

> MATTHEW D'ANCONA



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Legends, image and icons

As France considers European unity,

Charles Bremner reviews the country's love/hate affair with

America in the last of our summer celebration of France



FROM HIS Cole Hahn shoes to his cowlick hair wave, Yves Loiseau, a young banker, looks like a cross between James Dean and a Raiph Lauren ad-

vert as he slots the key into his black Harley Davidson on the Boulevard Saint Germain. The tell-tale explosions of the Harley attract envious glances from a gaggle of people sitting nearby at the café Flor. "Cool," exclaims a young woman. "Five-ohones," says her companion knowledgeably. The classic 501 Levi has been compulsory wear for the past couple of years for the casually correct of the Continent.

Watching that scene shortly after moving to Paris from New York last month hammered home the feeling that I had passed through a looking-glass into a surreal version of America, a land obsessed with imitating its icons and images yet possessing little in common. America may view itself as an atrophying giant collapsing

The Socialist Party has covered France with pro-Maastricht posters showing **Uncle Sam sitting** on top of the world

strife, but for the French it still serves as the source of legend and dreams. Its power, freedom and violence also clearly terrify the French who, more than any Western country, seem to see l'Amerique as the source of extreme bounty and also of evil. When Jacques Brel sang his French hit "Madeleine", the highest praise to the girl was to call her "Mon Amerique a Moi (my very own America)". If you want to put down something as far from wonderful, you still say: "Ce n'est pas "Ce n'est pas l'Amerique."

The love affair between Paris and the Angio-Saxons of the New World has being going on for well over two centuries, ever since heavy French aid helped the American colonists beat the British army and the founding fathers took their constitutional ideas of separation of power from Charles-Louis Montesquieu. The reverence has never been stronger than in 1992, the year in which Jack Lang. the socialist culture minister who waged war a decade ago against the "cultural imperialism" of Dallas, invested Sylvester Stallone with the Légion d'honneur.

Mr Lang's enthusiasm for American culture also includes rap music and the graffiti which has erupted all over the Metro as it did in New York in the 1970s. The minister and his intellectual friends still look down their noses at Disneyland and the American soap operas such as Santa Barbara, the number one French television drama, but they keep up with every pop trend in their favourite newspapers. Le Monde, for example, devoted a front-page eulogy to Prince the other day, the same week as almost every newspaper devoted front page critiques to the high art of Batman Returns.

America is everywhere in Paris. from the Tex-Mex restaurants to les frozen yoghurts and le popcorn in the



An American in Paris: the mutual admiration society between the French and Americans has been going on for more than two centuries

supermarkets to the Far Western boutiques and the Shaker furniture of the big department stores.

Turn on the radio and you will hear endless learned discussion of such things as the history of the bluejean. What film do French university students most admire this year? Basic Instinct, according to a recent poll.

The French fascination with America is driven by distance. The mentality and language are so far removed from the American that inconvenient realities are lost in translation or simply filtered out.

Some differences are obvious, such as the stiff formality compared with the breezy friendliness of Americans. Daily life is a fight with bureaucratic obstruction after the can-do consumer culture of America, but it is also far slower and gentler. France is unafflicted by the defensive political correctness which has invaded American life. After American hypersensitivy to gender, French men's condescending treatment of women is surprising, as are all the young people you see smoking.

The America that France imagines has only a passing resemblance to the country once colonised by France on the other side of the Atlantic. But the real United States are far enough awayto allow the French to cherish a dream. The "jeunes blacks" with their graffiti cans in the Metro and the "rappeurs" beloved of the haute couture shows, are a gentle and elegant bunch, bearing about the same relation to the menacing US article as Johnny Hallyday has to real rock'n roll.

Ask any Frenchman who really knows America. Michel Serres, a university professor who taught for many years in America, says he is alarmed by the way the French media and government figures "cultivate and exalt the image of an America which has nothing to do with the country where I have been working for a quarter of a century: This image serves as a paradisiac reference to enable them better to indulge that so strange and devastating French passion: putting down their own country."

nalysing the obsession has become something of a cottage industry, with the opening of Euro Disney, the collapse of communism and a diplomatic spat between Washington and Paris mainly over trade and European defence.

Bernard Pivot, the journalist who long presided over Apostrophes, the hugely popular literary programme, says France reverse a "nostalgic, creative, funny, musical" America. "France has created its own false culture that is more American than the real one," he said recently. This was just like the way, in 18th century Europe, admiring foreign countries tried to be more French than the French.

For the vision of what young France sees in America you have to go to the Trading Post, the flagship store of Charles Chevignon, the French company which has made millions by plundering the uniforms and styles of post-war America and caricaturing them for a line of false retro fashions.

Chevignon's aviator jackets and leathergoods hark back to a neverwas America of heroes, baseball and juke-boxes, the effect only slightly marred by strange-sounding authentic lettering such as: "The top people prefers Chevignon, makes this legendary known"

Guy Azoulay, the young designer

who invented Chevignon told the Washington Post that he appreciated America more than Americans. "The force of the American heritage is in these years - you don't understand it. I don't know why." In case that is not clear, he explained the attraction to a French magazine last month saying in Frenglish: "C'est une world community. Les Jeunes veulent avoir le truc (thing) 'be cool', le cote 'fresh and

Of course the mythology works just as easily in reverse. America is still demonised by many in France in a way that seems positively nostalgic for the days when Marxist intellectuals and Gaullist businessmen could

blame the Yanks for everything. The ruling Socialist Party, for example, reaching back to all those old Left Bank views of Yankee power has covered France with pro-Maastricht posters this month which show a caricature of Uncle Sam sitting on top of the world with a Japanese villain. Only by voting yes in the Maastricht referendum next month. will France be able to combat the American trade ogre, says the mess-age. The American Embassy has already complained. President Mitterrand virtually defines himself by his haughty disdain for America and everything it is about, an attitude that has not prevented him falling in behind Washington every time it has

counted, such as the Gulf war. Nothing could better demonstrate the paradoxical attitude than those

quotas, unique in Europe, which oblige French television and radio to keep non-European, in other words US, material below a tight mini-mum. The TF-1 network was fined. £3.3 million by the state broadcastine authority this month for breaking the

For all the apparent love of America, sociologists in France are disovering what those in other countries have also been noting: that the aping of American fashions, the love of Hollywood and pop culture does not translate into a desire to be American, but rather the opposite. A recent survey of teenagers, for exam-ple, showed they believed the real America to be a dangerous place full of drugs and poor, an image delivered by the TV news. The failure of Euro Disney to attract enough French visitors has illustrated, if nothing else, the ambivalence that many feel when confronted with what might be called "real" America.

And among the middle and upper French classes, you still hear the old sense of superiority to what is believed to be the naivety of "les Amerioques". America is just "too simple" for the French, l'Express magazine said the other day in all seriousness. The French, a sceptical old culture, are "totally amazed by people who wave little flags, invoke the Lord's name and summarise the history of the world as a struggle between the devil and the Lord".

The feeling is well reciprocated on the other side. Americans, easily intimidated by French attitude, are quick to praise them as charming and stylish, but they regularly rate them near the bottom for friendliness and hospitality.

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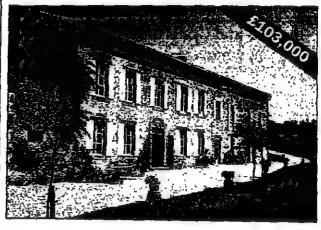
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lso on offer at £90,000 (excluding notary fees) is this restored "Charentaise" house, with a courtyard and an acre of garden, set amid vineyards, in Cognac country, near the village of Rouillac, a few miles north east of Angouleme in the Charente. Caen (Ouistreham) is about five hours drive away.

The old stone-built farmhouse has been sympathetically restored by a couple of English artists, retaining many original features, including flagstone and oak floors, huge fireplaces, exposed beams and internal stonework. It has three reception rooms, a study, modernised kitchen and cloakroom at ground level; five bedrooms and two bathrooms on the first floor; plus wine cellars. The price includes an attached barn, an artist's studio and several outbuildings, with potential for four or five gites. UK agent: French Property Shop, Wadhurst Road. Mark Cross, East Sussex (0892: 852449).



Further south, under Mediterranean skies, this "maison de maître", between Castelnaudary and Villefranche-de-Lauragais in the Aude Valley, is for sale at £103,000 (including agency and notary fees), through agents Sifex, Phoenix House, 86 Fulham High Street, London SW6 (071-384 1200).
Set in an acre of lawned garden, surrounded by rolling hills, it

is situated near the little village of Salles-sur-l'Hers, where there is a large lake and a beach. The airport at Toulouse is 45 minutes drive away, and Narbonne can be reached in an hour.

The old character building has been restored inside and out. it has a large entrance hall, three reception rooms with french windows leading to the garden, a kitchen with wood-burning stove and a wine cellar. A wide sweeping wooden staircase leads to the first floor, with three bedrooms, a Victorian-style bathroom and two rooms which would convert to extra bedrooms. Traditional features include exposed stone walls, open fireplaces, beamed ceilings and rerracotta-tiled floors. There is also a selfcontained two bedroomed apartment; stables and barn.

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Napoleon. More subtle persuaders carr be found in la pub. which is nothing to do with drinking, but only the intoxication of publicité, or advertising. France may be good at m. king wine, cheese, cars and books, but it is even better at making up seductive images

anyway - hence 1066 and

to sell them with. At the height of the oil famine, the nation consoled itself with the motto, En France on a pas de pétrole, mais on a des idées ("In France we have no oil, but we do have ideas"). Now you would say. "On a des concepts", the word concept having become synonymous with "product".

The thinking behind all advertising is summed up in an ad for Elf: C'est quoi le pétrole? C'est tout sauf le petrole ("What is oil? It's everything but oil."). The key to effective copy is to sell not just a commodity but a story, a mythology that the customer can buy into, thus the best Hautes les seins! - Breasts up! (Palmolive).

ESSENTIAL FRENCH: LA PUB

Punchlines for sale

slogans are condensed novels. Conversely, successful novels are long-winded slogans.

Vous qui enviez tant celles des Brésiliennes, les plus belles fesses du mond, des fesses de réve ne passez plus votre été à vous lamenter en vain - "You who envy so much of Brazilian women, the most beautiful buttocks in the world, dream buttocks, need no longer spend your summer in vain

lament" (Up Lift Fessiers). Britain at least has its traditions to fall back on: the Rover 800 "renoue avec la grande tradition de la calendre harks back to the great tradition of the radiator grille. ·

ion the model of Hautes les mains! - Hands up. usually delivered by bank robbers). Plat le ventre! - Tummy flat! Sculptées les hanches! - Hips

Verbs: Rowentez-vous la vie -Let Rowenta into your life. Adjectives: C'est tellement Orangina - That is so Orangina! Quand on est bière, on est très

Mutzig - When you are beer,

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Même mouilles, ils sont secs -Even when they're wet, they're dry (Ultra Pampers). Quand yen a plus. yen a encore - When there's none left. there's still more.

Ça c'est très Ford - Plays on Ça c'est très fort. That's very on n'en revient pas - Municipal funerals, you'll never get over it/You never come back

Rhyme and assonance Kenzo. Ça sent beau — Kenzo smells beautiful. L'été de tous les thès - The summer of all teas. Votre dodo c'est mon dada – Your bye-byes is my hobby horse (Monsieur Meuble).

Numerology Le Cinq (Renault) has been supreme for so long that other numbers are up against it. Sacree 205, j'aime ton numéro! (Peugeot) - Holy 205. I love your number — is a valiant attempt to fight back.

Et Kenzo cree l'homme - And Kenzo creates man. Dieu a besoin des hommes. mais les hommes ont besoin du Bob slip - God has need of men, but men have need of Bob Slip underpants.

Dutch are the only people here ANDY MARTIN | ever to iron their clothes.

No need to dress out here WHEN IN FRANCE

o one could say that our patch of France is dress conscious. The typical gear for a Gascon farmer is an open-necked shirt of uncertain vintage, spacious trousers bunched round the waist and hard-cap boots with rivet studs. And this is for an evening out. The women wear shades of black or grey. Working clothes are blue jeans and sweatshirts, for both sexes,

in Gascony, share the tenden-

cy to display the knees but they

wear shorts with a crease. The

caused by a recent The English soon fall into the routine, divesting themselves of socks and ties and other sartorial impedimenta to settle for the beachcomber style of casual wear. If they don't merge entirely into the background it is because the men have an urge to wear shorts, invariably affording huge mirth to the French who rarely reveal their lower limbs. The Dutch, the only nationality to outpace the English in their eagerness to set up home

besuited Frenchman appears. The last one to enter our lives came to sell us a fax machine. We could tell immediately he was from a big town, Bor-deaux or Toulouse, by the delicate way he stepped from his car to avoid the puddle

lightly-checked jacket and dark tie, closely knotted, was set off by a shirt of pristine white. Clearly he was a man of authority. We bought the instru-

ment he recommended with. There is a sportswear shop. out asking the price Our fax salesman was a

reminder of the amazing switch in style from rural to urban Gascony. Bordeaux and Toulouse are just an hour and a bit from here by motor route. They could be a thousand miles away for all the

Every now and then a affinity they have with their esuited Frenchman appears. surrounding countryside. The first time I went Toulouse I didn't think to dress up for the occasion. It was not long before I realised the enormity of my faux pas. The long looks of derision from passers-by said it all.

British fashion.

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somewhat surprisingly, much influenced by 'City types do not really like Burton and Body Shop occupy prime sites. Linforeigners'

guistic ambigu-ities are rife. one of a chain, which calls itself Athlete's Foot.

The country Gascons are deeply attached to a way of life that can be frustratingly anarchic. It is only ten years since they gave up using oxen to do heavy work on farms. And, on the domestic front, it is still

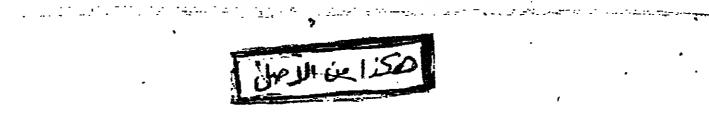
rare to find a kitchen that hoasts an electric kettle. But these traditionalists are also enormously tolerant, accept ing with calm assurance a wide and weird variety of

newcomers into their midst. For all their cosmopolitan airs, the city types don't really like foreigners. It shows up most obviously in their impatience with anyone who speaks less than perfect French. Service in shops and restaurants is fast and efficient but administered with a cutting edge. After a splendid meal in a Toulouse restaurant I complimented the maître d'hôtel with, "Nous avons mangé bien".

He shook his head, "Non, monsieur. 'Nous avons bien mange'." Maybe I should have been grateful for the tuition. Instead, I thought, hang on, who's paying this bill?

The urban French are happiest in their own company which is why they stay at home and leave yokels to our own plebeian devices.

BARRY TURNER



Let us be wed till greed us do part

Before 1753 matrimony was a lottery, as Antonia Fraser learns from the courts which sought to reconcile husbands and wives

ohn Aubrey in a felicitous comparison, once likened the historian's craft to "the art of the conjuror". This is because its object is not only to retrieve "forgotten things from oblivion", but also to make "those walk and appear that have been in their graves many hundreds of years". Lawrence Stone quotes Aubrey in the introduction to his latest study of the family and its vicissitudes in the 17th and 18th centuries as a justification for using case-studies: "If the historian's prime task is to explain change over time, another ally important function is surely

E: as a matter of fact Aubrey calls attention as much to the personal zest that some historians possess - Aubrey had it himself as to the value of any particular historical method. (It is this zest which makes Gibbon, for example or even Froude, still readable today.) Certainly Stone's enthusiasm has carried him and his readers through a lifetime's work. hused on archival research which might in other hands turn out to be Dryasdust to use the favourite condemnatory term of another "conjuror", Carlyle. For Uncertain L'nions owes its genesis to study of the Process Books from the records of the Court of Arches in the Lambeth Palace Library. But from this daunting-sounding repository - from the point of view of the general reader at least — emerges a series of startling tales of sexual scandal, sufficiently juicy to feature in any modern tabloid.

Despite their melodramatic content, such case-studies would not however literally feature today, since their basis is the astonishing chaos of the marriage laws in England up till the Hardwicke Act of 1753, as revealed in these ecclesiastical records where petitioners sought to have marriages declared invalid (or valid). The honest pedestrian plod of civil marriage today, the registry office, the certificates of freedom-to-marry needed, the public registration of the ceremony, are a far cry from the time when up to 20 per cent of all marriages were "clandestine" that is to say, kept secret, possibly for years, from nearest if not dearest

Indeed, in one case considered here, the clandestine marriage had actually been kept secret from the bride herself. The object of the concealment was to secure a fortune for a poverty-stricken young Frenchman from a wealthy widow who had declined his advances. For

in an age where a woman's wealth passed automatically to her husband, marriage to an heiress was by far the simplest and quickest method by which a man could

secure personal wealth. In 1690 Lucy Hooper was the widow of a coachmaker who had carried on her husband's prosperous business. She sounds a most sympathetic character, her own servant called her "of a generous and free spirit, and a good house-keeper". She evidently preferred the independence of her (wealthy) widowed state to further matrimonial ventures, a fact she tactfully but firmly conveyed by continuing to wear "second mourning" for her late husband. But one Jean-Jacques

> **UNCERTAIN UNIONS** Marriage in England 1660-1753 By Lawrence Stone OUP, £25

Fazas, a Huguenot refugee who had lost his fortune in France, did not take the sartorial hint. When Mrs Hooper continued to decline his persistent courtship, he lured her to the house of an accomplice who was said to want to order a coach and had her drugged with a dish of chocolate.

In vain poor Mrs Hooper cried out as she collapsed: "Oh, what ails me. I'll go home..." Instead of being taken home, she was conveyed to a rogue clergyman, married to the egregious Jean-Jacques, placed ritually in a bed where the marriage was, according to the bridegroom, consummated, and finally deposited home. When Mrs Hooper eventually came round late the next day, she found to her horror a wedding-ring on her finger. As Mrs Hooper exclaimed: "Oh! I know nothing of it, nor how

case for the annulment of her marriage (and preservation of her fortune), she had the evidence of various coachmen to support her, and she won her case on the grounds that the marriage had been performed under duress.

Although Mrs Hooper's case is especially startling, with its mixture of drugs, abduction and rape, most of the cases considered here read as vividly as fiction. One quickly realises that the Restoration plays. let alone novels like Clarissa, were firmly based on reality. Nor are the women the only victims. In this "seamy London underworld of venal and drunken dergymen and easily corrupted witnesses" as Stone describes it, women were not only often conspirators, but totally unscrupulous conspirators to boot. Susan Forbes, for example, used her former lover George Mordaunt's marriage as an opportunity to blackmail him. She claimed a prior marriage, which would have robbed him of his newly acquired (Dormer) fortune.

eorge tried to rebut his mistress's claims with a brutality characteristic regard to my birth and quality, I never had any thoughts or designs of courting or addressing Susannah in the way of marriage, she being a woman of very mean and obscure extractions." She responded by staging a fake marriage (an impostor playing the part of George) which was then antedated to a period before the Dormer

In the end she actually arranged no fewer than three fake marriages (in one of them the role of the groom was played by Susan Forbes's niece, a prostitute whose speciality for clients was dressing up in Quaker costume, but who opted for drag on this occasion). Finally she failed, for all her armoury of perjured witnesses, and George won: which was of course justice. Yet one cannot help sneakily admiring the resourceful if meridacious "Susannah" more than the equally mercenary and far more snobbish George.

Stone's ultimate point is the importance of the 1753 Act in putting an end to all this confusion, including the colourful ruses to which it gave rise. Along the way, he provides a compelling view of English society before the Act. The "clandestine" clergymen, operating a kind of privatised marriage ortunately for Mrs market, often from debtors' prison. Hooper, in bringing her are a fascinating subject in

> Incidentally I have referred to Professor Stone as the sole author throughout (as he is credited on the title page), although in his acknowledgements he pays generous trib-ute to his previous collaborator and wife Jeanne Fawtier Stone and his research assistant Timothy Wales. But I cannot help mildly wonder-ing how such an able team tolerated various appearances of a "Sir John Sedley" in the text - when he is correctly indexed as Sir Charles.













Six consorts: (above) Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour; (below) Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard. Catherine Parr

King Bluebeard's wives

VIII succeeded to the throne in 1509, there was a sort of lay theory of Christianity which persisted as a very pervasive myth. It stated that Christian behaviour meant charity, that charity was the opposite of enmity, and that it entailed a relationship both internal and external, called friendship. One of the principal forms of friendship was marriage, which not only bound the couple married but bound their blood-relations also. This relationship was called af-

finity. Affinity was a Christian relationship per se, which natural kinship or consanguinity was not, or not exactly. St Augustine had said that the human race, after the children of Adam and Eve, did not marry blood-relations because it was their business to spread the relations of friendship and charity around. Hence the extensive notion of incest held by the pre-Reformation church, and other niceties of the marriage law with which

Henry VIII had to contend. Two things had happened earlier in his reign to show that this Christian anthropology of marriage was not dead. In his other masterpiece, the History of King Richard III, Thomas More put into the mouth of the dying King Edward IV. Richard's elder brother, a most eloquent statement of it. Edward, though partial to the flesh,

was More's good king; Richard was cording to More, Edward said that if England was to be Christian com-

deed a commonwealth at all, his nobility should regard the bonds of affinity as no less binding than those of consanguinity, to which nature inclined them. Loving one's in-laws was a painful and therefore Christian duty on which depended the peace of the world. The other thing was that Henry on his accession had married an intelligent woman who believed in the theory.

This was Catherine of Aragon. who is by and large the heroine of Antonia Fraser's learned and serious new book. Not that Lady says that, after Henry repudiated her, Catherine became obsessed with her rights and wrongs, and a nagger. The two Protestant queens. Anne Boleyn and especially Catherine Part, come out well in her story. So does Jane Seymour, who died producing Henry's son and heir. Jane Seymour and Catherine

Parr emerge as doing their bit to keep the family together by being nice to the discarded children, Mary and Elizabeth. It seems mainly due to them that the royal

ld-timers such as Fred

Trueman will tell you that the standard of profession-

al cricket has never been lower. On

this season's showing, cricket writ-

ing, the most potent and prolific of

any body of sporting literature,

Like the game itself, cricket

writing has been taken over by

military medium word trundlers,

tight and competent, but lacking

the excitement of high pace or the subtlety of top-class spin. It is one-day stuff rather than the unfolding

John Crace's study of the men of

the moment, Wasim Akram and

Waqar Younis, is a case in point.

Timely the book may be, given the

Pakistanis' recent victory in the

world cup and the Test series

against England, but ultimately it

is an unsatisfying work, like half of

a Radio Three Test Match Special

broadcast. Crace catalogues the

rapid rise of the Pakistani pair in the manner of a ball-by-ball com-

mentator. What is missing is the

informed, between-overs expert

True, the youth of his subjects makes serious biography difficult. But the byzantine nature of Paki-

stani sporting politics should have

provided a fascinating backdrop

for a much meatier read. Crace could also have tackled more

drama of a five-day test.

appears to be in similar decline.

John Bossy THE SIX WIVES OF HENRY VIII

By Antonia Fraser

Weidenfeld, £20 er more or less monwealth, or inpeacefully. They picked wreckage that Henry had left, and he did well to be grateful to them. But Catherine of Aragon dominates the scene, and no wonder. She had Henry for 20 years, and except for Catherine Parr, the

survivor, none of the rest had time for a real marital relation to grow. But her true distinction was that. consciously, devotedly and perhaps in the end embarrassingly, she embodied the matrimonial theology of Augustine and More. On the whole Lady Antonia is not at her best on Christianity, but she gets this point across very sharply.

family, at Henry's

death in 1547, was

a surprisingly uni-

ted body, and that

the three children

succeeded each oth-

Catherine cannot have got the notion from More, because the History of Richard III was not published in his or her lifetime, and she was not close to him, as she was to his fellow-martyr John Fisher: More was Henry's friend. She must, as Lady Antonia points out, have got it from her mother. Queen Isabella of Castille, who had put it into practice herself when she married Ferdinand of Aragon.

It was indeed, if not exactly a woman's theology, at least a theol-

Lords of the swing

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seriously the question of why so

many "incidents" seem to befall the

Pakistanis wherever they play. Old

Trafford this summer being but the

latest example. It is not that this

bouncer of an issue is ducked.

Crace does present a picture of a

team which spends much of its time

bleating about the umpires, bicker-

ing with officialdom and which

helieves it is at war with a cricketing

establishment that is out to do

down Pakistani cricket at every

opportunity. But Crace tries to

blame — and fails to convince.

xonerate the Pakistanis of all

Crace makes a poor umpire: he allows some bizarre wides and no-

balls to go uncalled. Wasim is

allowed the preposterous assertion

that the restrictions on intimidatory

bowling have been "brought in to

ogy which gave the married or marriageable woman a serious and dignified role in the creation of Christian society. It was not really a paternalistic theory: while it required submission to fathers, it did not exactly require submission to husbands. What it required with husbands was friendship, which was two-edged. In the cause of Christian friendship. Catherine had come to a foreign country to marry, first Prince Arthur, then King Henry. In that cause she stuck up for her marriage when the Pope wanted her to retire gracefully into a convent. She refused to give her name to a rebellion against the king: she could not, she said, wage

war upon her husband. I do not think Catherine was a saint as Lady Antonia implies at the end of her book. She was a little too fond of her family of origin. She did not regard the French as friends, even before they launched Anne Boleyn against her. If she had been in their position, she would have been a persecutor like her mother Isabella and her daughter Mary. Charity stopped a little too near home. But she was surely the most distinguished queen conson we have had, and a credit to the world that bred her.

Professor Bossy's most recent book. Giordano Bruno and the Embassy Affair, was published last year.

protect one batsman and that is

Graeme Hick". The Lancashire batsman Gehan Mendis has a

unique view of the ball-doctoring controversy: "Perhaps their sweat

has different properties to other

people's that make it ideal for

What is a googly? is the sort of question all cricket-lovers have

spent hours arempting to explain

to wives, girlfriends six-year-olds and American cousins. Robert Eastway answers this and other

equally perplexing questions with wit and panache and has shrewdly

perceived a large market with the

deal giftbook for cricket lovers to

bestow upon the uninidated. John

Major recently gave George Bush a

copy on a trip to Camp David:

whether it will help the president on

his sticky wicker remain: to be seen.

Was marks the commentator's

80th birthday. It is not really a

cricket book, although naturally the

game figures largely in its pages. It

is a loose autobiography, full of

Johnston's wit, honed over nearly

50 years of broadcasting, complete

with the infurrating prep school nicknames and dreadful puns

which are his trademark. When he

finally follows those other voices of

summer Swanton and Arlott into

retirement, both cricket and broad-

casting will be the poorer.

Brian Johnston's Someone Who

swinging the ball."

From Bosch to boating songs

n Louis de Bernières' bizarre novel. The Troublesome Offpring of Cardinal Guzman, a little boy who gets thrown out of a window turns into a humming hird. An old general has a would-be assassin's bullet removed by an Indian witch doctor who becomes an eagle at will and, towards the

and, a priest levitates with joy.
If such phenomena sound familiar, you have more than likely been reading Gabriel Garcia Marquez, where transformations of the real into the stuff of sorcery happen all the time. The transformations seem natural, people levitate, return from the dead and generally defeat biology in Marquez's novels. Appropriating his techniques, however, is a perilous business.

In spite of his name. De Bernieres is as English as they come though he has worked as a teacher and as a cowboy in a Colombian village. He has learnt much about the intricacies of the latter profession: "Nowadays most lassos are made of blue nylon rope, and the consequence of this progress is that horses are much harder to catch. The rope picks up permanent and intractable kinks that make it almost impossible to make a perfect loop with if ...

Bland factual details like that are what make this novel an odd one. Statements which resemble instructions from an outward-bound mannal sit alongside images of an almost pornographic devilry. De Bernieres has a visionary eye for detail, but he cannot make up his mind whether his fictional universe more closely resembles an SAS survival course or a painting by Hieronymous Bosch.

The Cardinal is His Eminence Dominie Trujillo Guzman: his offspring - the box he throws out of the window as well as a hairy monster poisoning uscif inside his stomach - constitute only a small part of the story. It concerns an unnamed South American state whose decline into godiessness prompts a fanatical priest to undertake a new Inquisition. His violent campaign of national cleansing is **James Woodall**

THE TROUBLESOME OFFSPRING OF CARDINAL GUZMAN By Louis de Bernières Secker & Warburg, [14.99

finally thwarted by the cowboys. whores and fake priests — and by a pack of tame jaguars — of the city of Cochadebajo de los Gatos ("Swamp Beneath the Cats").

There are some spectacular moments, comic and terrible. Guzman's battle with obscene devils aside (nothing if not spectacular), the visit of the British Ambassador to Cochadebajo is one such moment. His humiliating transformation from stiff but interested dignitary to sozzled innocent, forced to listen to a bawdy rendition of the Eton Boating Song and then to watch an epic bout of intercourse between two Mulatto lovers and a lot of fruit, is extremely furiny. So are the priapic antics of the mad President Veracruz, absent from his country for an extended "22-month diplomatic tour".

But the real problem with this novel is that evasive quality, tone. There is nothing wrong with variety, and everything with stylistic Babel. De Bernières provides a bit of both; in a novel of just under 400 pages, in which he veers from Marquez to Bosch to Boy Scoutese - and in the satirical passages not a little of Tom Sharpe - an author can be said not to have been properly brought to book. Had De Bernières been made to prune these enjoyable pages by about a quarter, an authoritative voice might have emerged. This is his third attempt: perhaps in the fourth novel he will become his own man.

CORRECTION The exhibition referred to in last Thursday's review by Peter Ackroyd of London - World City took place in Essen, not Cologne



Pakistan's fast bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis

Continued from page 1 made a strange combination, the great and the good in their black and their white, their orders and decorations hanging bluely be-neath their bow ties. I in my green shellsuit with the Reebok trainers. I was with the chantering classes, who chatted the chat the chantering classes like to chatter when they are just chatting: of the ERM of the EMU, of hard ECUs and soft

hatred of the French. At last, impatient, I stopped a passing penguin suit — he turned out to be John Major, though he probably did not know that himself then - and asked to be directed toward some writers. After a moment of thought, he smiled affably

landings, of holidays and health

farms, of their charming villas in

the Dordogne and their undying

An innocent at the Booker preferred to leave theirs in a state of and pointed me in the direction of the far, portrait-hung wall. He proved (on this question certainly) entirely in the right. Up against the wall, in a terrified herd. I found the

each other for the prize. They were huddled together, drinking glasses of orange-juice and surrounded by sad-looking literary agents and publishers publicity gurls, every one of them called Fiona. As I expected. they were mostly elderly ladies, though one was a very young girl just learning the granny trade. another a male author from the Antipodes suffering from terminal jet-lag. Some of the ladies had permed their hair, though most

shortlisted six, the authors whose

books were being weighed against

gay disorder. Some carried plastic shopping bags, one was already weeping a little, another complaining she had taken more orangejuice than was good for her. All appeared bewildered, as if no one had properly explained them why. just for this once, they had been let out. The only way they resembled writers was that all of them were sulky and spiteful, and clearly detested each other. By now the five judges, the deliberations completed, were back in the room and spreading the result among their spouses or other consorts. But, the game of the Booker being to keep drama of the event, the writers themselves had no idea of the outcome, and so didn't know which of their group to detest the most.

I summoned up my charm (maybe I should say that from time to time I do have some) and approached the Fionas, saying I wanted to interview their charges on the influence of Dirty Realism on their work. Speaking as one Fiona, they refused point-blank. explaining no interviews were allowed until the result had been announced. Then the winner would be presented to the press. and their remaining candidates abandoned, presumably, to their various miserable fates. Even now I'm not sure whether the Fionas

iold me the truth, or had correctly judged that an article by me was unlikely to be an act of pure homage. In fact I'd already intended to show that between the Booker writers and me lay a wide culture gap. They were writers who called the novel their "medium", and the women in them still had just one breast: I came from the world of the media - how true, how true, that would prove -- and the wemen in my life made no bones or flesh about having two. They were stuck in the age of the puritur singular, I came from the age of the permissive plural. Yes, thinking back. those Fionas were probably just good at their jobs.

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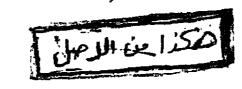
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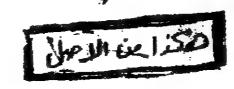
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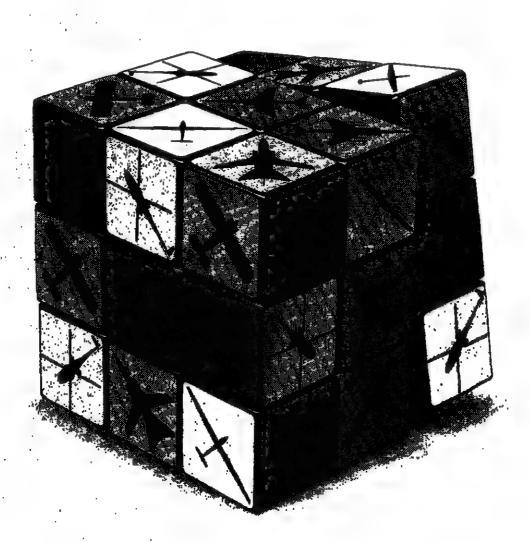
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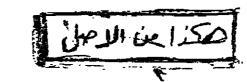
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12.00 News, regional news and weather (7658466) 12.05 Summer Scene. Simon Mayo, the Radio 1 DJ, joins Linda Mitchell and Caron Keating at the National Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale (5919737) 12.55 Regional news and weather (51217282)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) Weather (98824)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43841008)
1.50 White Rose in Africa. Yorkshire cricketers embark on their first official tour of South Africa in 22 years (61781379)

2.20 Film: Appointment in Honduras (1953). Rugged action film starring Glenn Ford as an adventurer who is forced to trek through the jungle with four convicts and two antagonistic hostages. With Ann Shendan and Zachary Scott. Directed by Jacques Tourneur (1743060)

3.35 Head of the Class. American comedy series (9191485) 4.00 Cartoon (3282602)

4.10 Children's BBC: Babar. Cartoon fun (1429466) 4.35 Dizzy Heights. Second of a sw-part children's comedy (r) (6070008) 5.00 Newsround (5970718) 5.10 Record Breakers. Featuring tenns players Pat Cash and Martina Navratilova (r) (Ceefao) (s) (9000350) 5.35 Neighbours (r), (Ceefax) (s) (480553). Northern Ireland: Inside

5.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) 6.30 Regional news magazines (466). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops. The pick of the charts (6534) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (350)

8.00 Every Second Counts. Paul Daniels hosts the game show set against the dod; (s) (5282) 8.30 The Russ Abbot Show. Comedy sketches with Les Dennnis, Bella

Emberg and Sherrie Hewson (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1089) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4682) 9.30 Porridge: Pardon Me. Priceless prison comedy starring Ronnik

Barker, Blanco (David Jason) is up for perole (r). (Ceefax) (237718)

Girl on the run: Chevy Chase with Goldie Hawn (10.05pm)

10.05 Film: Foul Play (1978)

CHOICE: Colin Higgins came to notice in the mid-seventies as the writer of Silver Streak, an uneven but enjoyable comedy thriller with echoes of pre-war Hitchcock. Foul Play was in similar vein, though this time Higgins not only wrote the script but made his debut as director. It is a sprawling and sometimes barely credible story which succeeds largely because of the oddball presence of Goldie Hawn. She plays a shy San Francisco librarian who becomes the unwitting carrier of a roll of microfilm and thereby linked to an attempt to assassinate the Pope. Hawn's mixture of dottiness and shrewd sense lends freshness to the most banal scenes and there is Invely support from Chevy Chase, as the cop on the case, Dudley Moore and the veteran Burgess Meredith. Do not expect a masterpiece but your time should pass agreeably (632485). Northern Ireland: Da mBiodh Rubail Ar An Ean (If the Bird Had a Tail): 10.55-12.35am Film: Jake Soeed

11.55 Weather (794843), 12.00 Close 2.15am BBC Select. Executive Business Club (33867). Ends at 2.45 BBC2

6.45-7.10 Open University. Dating a Granite (5220089) 8.00 Breakfast News (3016176) 8.15 Bitten By the Bug (r) (3039027) .30 Women of Our Century. The novelist Lettice Cooper (r) (24027) 9.00 Film: Parlor, Bedroom and Bath (1931, bw), Buster Keaton well below his best in an early talkie about an itinerant bill poster who enters high society and is mistaken for a lothario. With Charlotte Greenwood. Directed by Edward Sedgwick (6062263) 10.10 Film: Mama Loves Papa (1945, bAv). Flat comedy about a parks

commissioner who proves too honest for the job. Starring Leon Errol and Elisabeth Risdon. Directed by Frank Strayer (7423553) 11.10 Film: High Flyers (1937, DW). A tired screen farewell from the cornedy team of Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, as commen who pose as pilots and become embroiled in jewel smuggling. Directed by Edward Cline (9976114)

12.20 On the Throne. The history of the lavatory (r) (5581824)
1.00 After Hours. Entertainment from the United States (61102621) 1.20 Bertha Children's cartoon (r) (63930805)

1.35 Swim. The breast stroke (r) (61762244)
2.00 News and weather (95652282) followed by Mini Dragons. The first of four films about Asia looks at South Korea's transition to a

technical, service-based economy (1180195) 2.55 Top Gear Take Two. Sporting trials (r) (8925718)
3.00 News and weather (4344263) followed by All Our Children. The first impressions of childhood (6566824) 3.50 News and weather.

regional news and weather (6960737)

4.00 International Show Jumping. David Vine introduces the first of four days' coverage from Hickstead (s) (6911)

6.00 Film: Spirit of the Eagle (1990). Visually impressive but dramatically banal western adventure starring Dan Haggerty, as a cartographer exploring the American wilderness, whose son is kidnapped and sold to the Indians. Directed by Boon Collins (s) (41089)

7.30 Business Matters: The Swan Challenge. The polar explorer

Robert Swan invited three cynical managers to accompany him to Snowdonia for five days. (Ceefax) (992)

8.00 The Climbers: Another Golden Age of Alpinism. The series on the history of mountaineering highlights three outstanding postwar climbers. Walter Bonatti of Italy, Frenchman René Desmaison and Britain's Chris Bonington. (Ceefax) (3824)

8.20 Brand Os. Torox Slatters bests the out for social climbers. Clother.

8.30 Ps and Qs. Tony Slattery hosts the quiz for social climbers. Clothes designers Bruce Oldfield and Lady Tyron take on art dealers Gerry

Farrell and Angela Flowers. (Ceefax) (2331)

9.00 The Travel Show. Penny Junor presents reports from Golden Sands in Bulgaria, one of Europe's cheapest resorts, and the Yorkshire Dales (s) (8244)

 CHOICE: Alan Bennett checks into the Crown Hotel at Harrogate and reflects in his bemused way on the niceties of social etiquette Like much of Bennett's work the film is heavily autobiographical and takes as its reference point his working-class parents. Their fate, all too often, was to find themselves in a social world from which by money and temperament they felt excluded. Coming from a household in which dinner meant lunch, the Bennetts fail to understand why poached egg on toast was not on a hotel's evening menu. As a result, Bennett says, hotels and restaurants were theatres of humiliation and eating in public as shaming as having to take one's clothes off. First shown in 1988 in the Byline series, this is a brilliantly observed and richly funny film (r). (Ceefax) (975466)

10.10 Early Travellers in North America: The American Way. The final programme examines the reactions of British writers to American religion, fame, patnotism and money. (Ceefax) (776824) 10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (927114)



Golden years: veteran film director Sam Fuller (11.15pm)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights. The 80-year-old American director Sam Fuller talks about the golden age of Hollywood (s) (680331) 11.55 Weather (792485)

12.00 Open University. Weekend Outlook (8580119) 12.05am Towards a Better Life (2096409). Ends at 12.35

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6.00 TV-am (4863486) 9.25 Jumble. Today's guests are Tom O'Connor and Barbara Windsor (5) (7766447) 9.55 Thames News (2712992)

10.00 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers. Cartoon (2739669) 10.25 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi (r) (2732755) 10.55 ITN

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11.00 Ox Tales. Animated double bill (3186282)

11.25 Just for the Record. Record-breaking achievements (r) (s) (1874263) 11.50 Thames News (9253398)

11.55 Cartoon (6673602)

12.10 The Riddlers. Early learning series (r) (5900244) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (7586244) 1.05 Thames News (63955114) 1.15 Home and Away, Australian family drama. (Oracle) (492466) 1.45 A Country Practice (s) (491737)

2.15 The Miriam Stoppard Health and Beauty Show. The last in the series examines teenage smoking, better eyesight without glasses and healthy party food for children (483718)
2.45 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands (9110973)
3.10 ITN News headlines (4362669)
3.15 Thames News headlines (4362669)

3.20 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama (6186621) 3.50 Children's ITV: Cartoon (3687534) 3.55 Hoxley Pig. Cartoon (6956534) 4.05 Krankles' TV. Broadcasting chaos (r) (3695553) 4.30 Rolf's Cartoon Club. Rolf Hams presents cartoon clips (r) (319) 5.00 Cartoon (r) (5998114) 5.10 Who's the Boss? American comedy series starring Tony Danza.

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5.46 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Crade) Weather (637534) 5.55 Thames Help, with Jackie Spreckley (7) (943973) 6.00 Home and Away (7). (Oracle) (282) 6.30 Thames News (534) 7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle) (1602)

7.30 Survival: Above Us the Ice. The colourful and fragile marine life of the Antarctic. Narrated by Martin Jarvis. (Oracle) (718)



An information leak: Simon Rouse investigates (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Loyalties, Details of a drugs bust are leaked and Burnside a.ou The Bitz Loyarous, Details of a drugs Dust are leaked and surriside and Meadows undertake an internal Investigation. Starring Christopher Elison and Simon Rouse. (Oracle) (6850)
8.30 Me, You and Himz Off His Trolley. Comedy about three men who have been friends since childhood. With Nick Hancock, Hugh Dennis and Steve Punt (s) (9485)
9.00 LA Law: Beauty and the Breast. CJ (Amanda Donohoe) defends a film studio accused of forcing an actress to have breast implants. (Oracle) (s) (4911)

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10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (23398) 10.30 Thames News (564244)

10.40 07 reviews the film Waterland, starring Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusak, and previews the Notting Hill carnival (s) (272176)

11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H (445195)

12.10am Duels of the Mind. Raymond Keene and Donald Woods analyse the 1970 chess match between Bent Larsen and Boris

12.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Kandinsky's Vault. The owner of a

bookstore is anxious to protect his secret corridors (2152461) 1.05 Film: The Masters (1975). Routine thriller starring Jennifer O'Neill as an American teacher in a small Sicilian town who receives unwanted attention from the Maria. With James Mason and Franco Nero. Directed by Luigi Zampa. An Italian film with English dialogue (568428) 3.00 Hardball. American police series (7 (s) (77664) 4.00 Motorsport Special. Motor racing action (13645) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (62916) 5.00 Videofashion. The French collections (r) (62428) 5.00 Videofashion. The Prench collections (r) (62428)

5.30 ITN Morning News (39461). Ends at 6.00

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9.25 Radar Men from the Moon (b/w). Vintage science-fiction series (7204263) 9.40 Foofur. Canine animation (2366973) 9.55 Get Smart (6353176) 10.20 Star Test. Tony Slattery (r) (2731027)

10.50 Remote Control. Anarchic quiz show (r) (s) (8947263)
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11.50 Great Britain. — A Travel Guide. Transport in the eighties (6681621) 12.00 The Munsters (b/W). Gothic humour (r) (13911) 12.30 Don't Quote Me. Geoffrey Perkins presents the game show based

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2.00 Secrets of the Moor. The Proophania Continues to explore Ermoor (8756)

2.30 Film: If Winter Comes (1947, b/w). Sentimental love triangle story about an unhappily married publisher who offers shelter to a pregnant young girl. Starring Walter Pidgeon, Angela Lansbury and Deborah Kerr. Directed by Victor Saville (68659331)

4.15 Barefaced Flatfoot. Carbon adventures (6352640)

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (s) (331)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Women entrepreneurs discuss their

success in business (s) (2382027)

5.50 The Bunbury Tails. Fun with the cartoon rabbits (s) (966824)
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6.00 My Two Dads: Class. loey becomes jealous when Michael takes a night-school class (r). (Teletext) (s) (824)
6.30 Wilderness Edge. Outdoor drama series about a disparate group of youngsters (r) (s) (176) 7.00 Channel 4 News. Weather (704094) 7.50 Comment (228756)

8.00 Free for All. The final programme is a reconstruction of the events leading up to Ornille Blackwood's death in Broadmoor (8992)
8.30 Film: Wait 'Til Your Mother Gets Home (1982). Oft-repeated role-reversal cornedy starring Paul Michael Glaser as an unemployed football coach who stays at home to look after the children while his usefa poor and to work. With the Walland

unemployed football coach who stays at home to look after the children while his wife goes out to work. With Dee Wallace. Directed by Bill Persky. (Teletext) (46132176)

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CHOICE: The last in the series gives women the chance to retute all the nasty things said about them in previous programmes. Five of them line up tonight with the men from last week. It makes for a crowded studio and an overheated discussion in which too many people talk at once. The proceedings get off to a forthright start with fice declaring that all men are trained to manipulate and Virginia saying she has rarely met a man who is honest. In the circumstances the chaps are surprisingly conciliatory. What the series has demonstrated, beyond the fact that some men are pigs and others are not, is difficult to say. The danger is to draw generalisations from specific cases which may or may not be typical. But if relationships always went smoothly there would be nothing for men, or indeed women, to talk about (s) (504027)

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11.00 Film: El Amor Brujo (1986). This Spanish folk drama is the third collaboration between choreographer-dancer Antonio Gades and director Carlos Saura, featuring music by Manuel de Falla and told using classical flamenco dance. Two gypsy children grow up and apart. Staming Antonio Gades and Cristina Hoyos (981398)



Starting a new fife in America: Viveca Lindfors (12,55am)

12.55em Film: Misplaced (1991). Louis Yansen's semi-eutobiographical tale of a woman and her teerage son who leave Poland during the Solidarity uprising in 1981 and head for a new life in the United States. Starring John Cameron Mitchell, Elzbieta Czyzewska and Viveca Lindfors (394770). Ends at 2.40

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2.00 Die Tote Stadt (The Dead
Traum): Kommold's haunting Town): Korngold's haunting opera in which the borders between fantasy and reality, life and death, are redrawn. A man mourning his young wrie, sees her double in a ballerina and begins an affair with the dancer. She finds a lock of his writer has been by the write's hair kept by the husband in a shine and taunts him with it. He uses it to strangle her and then finds

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Opera with the Dutch Radio
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Richard Versalk, tenor, sings
Paul with Deborah Vogt,
soprano, as Manetta
4.33 Elgar. Violin Sonata in E
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7.10 On Air. Agnan edwards presents this morning's edition of music, previews and news 9.00 Composers of the Week: Glazunov and Glière. Russian and Soviet Ballets. Glazunov (Raymonda, Act 2, excerpts: Scottish National Orchestra under Neeme larvir Grand soprano, as Manetta
4.33 Elgar. Vroin Sonata in E
minor: Lorraine McAslan,
violin. John Blakeley, piano
5.00 in Time: Edward Greenfield
presents music, news and
weather, and reports on this
year's Salzburg Festival
7.30 Proms 1992: Live from the
Albert Hall, London BBC
Symphony Orchestra under
Mark Elder performs Dvořák
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(Plano Concerto in A minor
with Lars Vogt, Leeds
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solost). In the interval at 8.20
Bulgakov: Myths and Reality,
Professor Anatoli Smelansky,
archivist at the Moscow Arts
Theatre, explores the
relationship between the
writer and power in the light
of new research on Mikhail
Bulgakov. The concert under Neeme Jarvi; Grand Concert Walts in E flat, OP 41: Concert Walts in E flat, OP 41: Ledie Howard, piano); Giére (The Red Poppy, excepts: Bolshis Theatre Crchestra under Yun Fayer) 10.00 Elizabeth I to II with Britten: Dowland (The Frog Galliard; Lachymae Pavin: Julian Bream Consort; Britten (Lachymae On 48: Frit (lachymae, Op 48: Eric Shumsky, viola, Stephanie Leon, piano); Dowland (Come Heavy Sleep, Peter Pears, tenor, Julian Bream, lute); Britten (Nocturnal, Op 70; Bullian Braam, evitar); Breath

Bulgakov. The concert continues at 8.40 with Shostakovich, arr Gerard Shostakovich, air Gerard McBumley (Suite: Hypothetically Murdered. This is the London premiere of the music for the 1931 comedy revue Hypothebically Murdered; Strauss (Tall Eulenspiegel) 9.35 Ulysses by James Joyce. (12 of 16)

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10.05 Bartóix and the Violin: Ani Schnarch, violin, and Piers Lane, piano, perform Bartóix (Rhapsody No 2 Schata in E minor, 1903); Bartóix, arr Szekely (Six Romanian Folk Dancer!

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11.00 Bright as Fire: Composer and planist Mike Westbrook tells Geoffrey Smith about the work of his Brass Band in the late seventies. The band's concerts conveningly written concerts combined written concers compined whiten
pieces, improvisations and
songs, which developed into a
form of jazz cabaret and
culminated in Mana Chicago
(i) 11.30 News
11.35pm-12.35am Composers of
the Week: Rameau (Entree)

The Incas of Peru; Divertissement: The Savages, Les Indes Galantes) (r)

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Long Weekend with
J.M. Barne 8.59 Weather 9.00
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9.05 The Moral Maze with Michael Buerk
Michael Buerk
9.45 Braden Beside Himself:
Health and Efficiency
10.00 News; Raffles (PM only): The
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Knees of the Gods by
E.W. Hornung (s)

10.00 An Act of Worship (L.W only)

10.15 The Bible: Revelation read by
John Gleigud (5 of 6)

10.30 Woman's Hour: Antonia
Fraser defends the wives of
Henry VII; and Penry Marshall
talks about her experiences as
a reporter with the TIN crew in
Bosnia. Incl 11.00 News

11.30 From Our Own
Correspondent (r)

Correspondent (r) 12.00 You and Yours with Roisin McAuley 12.25pm Trivia Test Match: Brian

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Mulholland (s)
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3.00 News: Down Your Way (r)
3.40 Poetry Please! Simon Rae
introduces requests (r)
A 00 News 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope, discusses the merits of a new series of large formal art books; reviews the British premiere of Claire Dowle's play Death and Dancing; and reports on an international community of artists in Devon (s)
4.45 Short Story: Still Life. Written by Daragh Carville and read by B.J. Hogg
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6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 The Mick Reveil Show: Holy
Water, A sitcom for the
nineties (s) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Anchers (s)

7.20 Radio Lives: Audrey Russell

CHOICE: Roisin McAuley's
documentary gives belated
recognition to Audrey Russell
for breaking down radio
resistance to using women as
commentators on great state commentators on great state occasions. These included the funeral of Winston Churchill funeral of Winston Churchill and the marriage and coronation of the Queen. New women broadcasters have followed the path which Russell opened up through male territory. It seems possible, though, that if and when Kate Adie gets her big chance to shine as a state

chance to shine as a state commentator, she will find Russell's empty shoes a comfortable fit for the long commortable fit for the long journey
8.00 That Reminds Me: The Swedish soprano Elisabeth Soderstrom compares her experiences of travelling with those of some illustrious predecessors (s) (r)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar?
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

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9.45 Financial World Tonight
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10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Seventy Years a Showman by "Lord" George Sanger. The Lions are Loose (s)

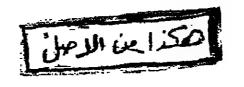
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11.00 Cordoba: A thriller by Nigel Baldwin with Alison Steadman as a journalist investigating three deaths (3 of 6) (s)

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No request for ERM realignment, states Bundesbank

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

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UK newspapers have helped The News Corporation to a 52 per cent increase in pre-tax

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Five of America's protesting at British Airways' bid for a million US passengers

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British Nuclear Fuels is planning to build a 100 tonne plutonium waste recycling plant by 1998 at Sellafield in Cumbria Page 18

VAT LUNACY



stalks the nonsensical VAT tribunals, Robert Bruce writes

Intervention

helps pound to hold firm

A RENEWED pledge from the Chancellor to hold the pound squarely in the exchange-rate mechanism, backed by direct intervention in the currency markets, lifted sterling for the first time since severe downward pressure set in a week ago.

Despite market alarm over remarks from Reimut Jochimsen, a member of the Bundesbank's policy-making council, which suggested that the German central bank was in favour of a realignment of the ERM, the pound ended almost half a pfennig firmer. At the official 4pm London market close, it stood at

DM2.7970.
Aithough well below its
DM2.8040 high for the day,
reached mid-morning after
overt sales of marks for sterling at DM2.7940 by the Bank of England, the closing rate was the first day-on-day gain since Tuesday last week. It left sterling only a pfennig down since Friday, when the present outbreak of currency turbulence was triggered by dollar. Dealers' estimates of the amount of intervention ranged between £300 million and £1 billion.

The Treasury was encouraged by the better tone sterling had established, even though it remains only less than two pfennies from its absolute mark floor in the ERM. With reduced pressure across the ERM, and British money market pressure easing, the Treasury considers the prospect of an increase in the base

rate less likely.
In a brief breakfast-time appearance on the Treasury steps, Mr Lamont said there were going to be "no devaluations, no leaving the ERM". The government, he said, was determined to maintain sterling's parity and we will do whatever is necessary", a re-mark taken in the City to

City sees only a limited respite

By Our Economics Correspondent

THE pound's modest advance yesterday, despite the dismal economic backdrop, deep concern about European monetary union and a possible realignment of the exchangerate mechanism (ERM) currencies, left City opinion convinced that sterling has gained a respite, but only a limited one.

With the dollar stabilising close to the DM1.40. the general turbulence triggered by the American currency's free fall and central bank intervention is seen to have reduced some of the tension within the ERM. But while many analysts

believe the pound may be over the worst this side of the French referendum on September 20, the internal pressures of the ERM are by no means expected to disappear. Indeed, they are expected to reappear with renewed vigour after the French vote. Al-

though David Simmonds, currency analyst at Midland Montagu, thought Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had failed to impress the markets with his reaffirmation of the government commitment to stay in the ERM and not devaite, he believed sterling had reached the point where its downside was very limited. Mr Simmonds considers it relatively easy for the Bank of England to hold sterling just above its absolute ERM floor against the mark for the rest of this week and probably until the French referendum. He notes that there are virtually no important economic data until mid-September, which should help take the spotlight

off sterling. Avinash Persaud, currency economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said sterling had "escaped for the day and is likely to get through to September 20 at around present levels."

include the possibility of a base rate hike. But advance reports of a speech by Herr Jochimsen, president of the central bank in the German regional state of North-Rhine Westphalia, subsequently undid some of the beneficial impact of the British authorities' actions. He said the "partially-present potential for realigment bas been suppressed for prestige reasons for years". The pound, the dollar and other currencies fell on that news.

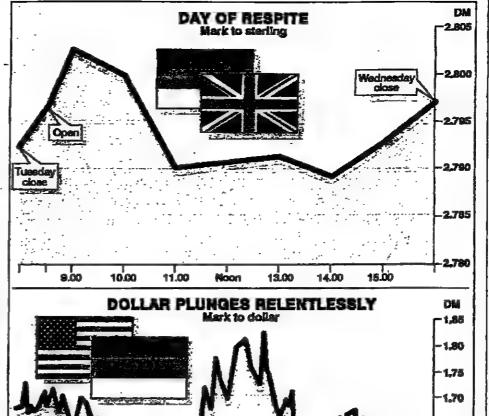
As council members' speeches are cleared by the Bundesbank, Herr Jochimsen's remarks were seen as an official attempt by the Bundesbank to float the idea of an ERM realignment. In London, the Treasury issued an immediate statement dimissing the idea that any ERM country wanted a re-alignment. The Bundesbank said later it was "not requesting a realignment". Mr Jochimsen clarified that there was "no immediate need" for parity changes.

Italy was also forced to intervene to defend the lira. while the Bank of France allowed overnight money rates to break through the informal 10 per cent ceiling in a move probably intended to ward off further pressure on the franc. Sweden and Finland, fearful of currency outflows to the mark, sharply raised key lending rates. Poor market sentiment kept

investors away from a £2.5 billion auction of long-dated government bonds. Although the issue was only covered issue was only covered 1.24 times, the authorities were likely to be pleased that the issue got way as well in the circumstances. The dollar appeared to have consolidated above DM1.40,

despite a sharp fall in orders for durable goods in America in July. The official data showed durable goods orders to factories slumping 3.4 per cent, the biggest drop in seven months, after a 2.8 per cent increase in June.

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WH Smith rides recession with 26 per cent profit rise

By COLIN CAMPBELL

SIR Simon Hornby, chairman of WH Smith, the diversified high street retailer, says there is no magic wand that will end the recession.

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The group would have to look to improved economies of scale and higher productivity while the tough trading climate lasts, but he was confident that WH Smith's strengths would continue to bring solid results.

In the year ended May 30, group sales rose by 8 per cent to £2.13 billion and pre-tax profits advanced by 26.6 per cent to £112.7 million. The final dividend is lifted from 8.5p to 9.1p a share, making 13.4p (12.5p) a share.

" In a year of deep recession. the group's businesses per-formed well, and we have increased virtually all our market shares," Sir Simon added.

Net profits benefited from a lower than expected tax charge and net earnings were 11.7 per cent higher at 31.5p a share. WH Smith shares rose 15p to 376p. WH Smith retail increased

its share of the video, stationery, magazines, book and greetings cards markets, and the group's distribution businesses had generally performed well. The video market continues to show good growth. The computer games market was particularly strong. DIY was, however, a difficult area, reflecting a depressed house market and

The group is planning to expand operations in America, though this would be a "step by step" approach. WH Smith had ambitions in Europe, but the preference for

intense price wars.

any further development there is for joint ventures, Sir Simon added. He said: "We have nothing to fear" from the enquiry into newspaper distribution arrange-ments, and does not view it as a threat to WH Smith. He reiterated his belief that the net book agreement works for the public good, and contends that without such an agreement the price of books would

1.50

Do It All, the joint venture with Boots, had a difficult year in a depressed market, but in a total market that fell 9 per cent, WH Smith office supplies again outperformed, achieving a 10 per cent increase in sales. The division had won 67 new accounts worth £12 million a year.

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Insurers braced for storm claims

By Patricia Tehan

INSURERS today begin counting the cost of Hurricane Andrew, which has turned inland and is beginning to run out of steam after narrow ly missing New Orleans, Loui-

Experts estimate that damage in Florida over the past few days could reach \$8 bil-lion, with insured damage of between \$3 billion and \$4 billion. Claims from Louisiana would take the figure

Officials of the US Property Claims Service said it would be impossible to put a definite cost on the devastation until the beginning of next week. The estimates compare with the \$5.8 billion insured cost of Hurricane Hugo, which swept through the Caribbean in September 1989.

Damage to BP's oil refinery in Belle Chase, near New Orleans, is believed to be limited; a team of inspectors from the company has still to report back. BP is self-insured and so will bear the cost itself. Ninety-one staff were evacuated from ten BP oil platforms; the company is trying fly them back in.

The platforms produce 15,000 barrels of oil per day between them. By last night, two days' production had been

Insurance companies breathed a sigh of relief as the storm missed the heavily populated area of New Orleans; it hit the coast at Morgan City, further south west.

Terry Hayday, chief executive of Sturge group's insurance division, said American insurance companies with large market shares in the area are likely to pick up a

State Farm Group, which has a market share of about 20 per cent, has no reinsurance and will bear losses itself. Lloyd's and the London company insurance market will pick up about a quarter of the reinsurance cost.

At Lloyd's of London, marine underwriters were bracing themselves for claims from oil companies as reports of damaged refineries and oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico flooded in. One broker said marine underwriters' losses would be larger than after Hurricane Hugo.

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THE POUND

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Ten investors considering offers for Canary Wharf

THE administrators to Olympia & York's Canary Wharf development, in London's Docklands, said they hoped it would be only "a matter of weeks" before expressions of interest in the £1.4 billion project were translated into definite offers.

Investors, however, were warned that they would not have the opportunity to "buy things on the cheap". Canary Wharf went into administration three months ago, owing about £630 million. Ten parties are considering making offers and have entered into confidentiality agreements with the administrators. Stephen Adamson, Alan

Bloom and Nigel Hamilton, the administrators from Ernst & Young, confirmed that Canary Wharf's creditors had voted this week to continue the administration process, in line with Ernst & Young's

Mr Adamson said the European Investment Bank, which has already invested £100 million in Canary Wharf, was thinking of putting in more cash to help meet the govern-ment's demand for £400 million for the Jubilee Underground line extension.

Mr Adamson said the bank would demand "a level of comfort" before lending any more cash to the project. One of Canary Wharf's bankers said syndicate members would fight any new investment that usurped their positions as first secured lenders. A £280 mil-lion claim by Credit Suisse First Boston, relating to its building on Canary Wharf's Cabot Square, was being considered, Mr Adamson said. The claim related to contractual obligations on matters such as rent and occupancy levels. Time was not of the essence and he hoped the dispute could be settled amicably. Meantime, CSFB was supporting the administration.

Creditors had expressed concern about "several tens of millions of pounds" of performance bonds still in existence which meant contractors incurred steep bank fees. Mr Adamson said they planned to discharge those contracts where it did not detract from the value of the development and the overall benefit to

GRE halves losses to £39 million

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange, the composite insurance group, has provided further evidence that the UK insurance market began a strong recovery in the first half of the year in announcing that it has more than halved its losses for the six months to end-June. The deficit before tax was reduced from £88 million to £39 million, of which mortgage indemnity and IRA bomb damage accounted for £26 million. The group traded profitably in the second quarter of the year. UK underwriting losses fell by £55 million to £125 million. Interim dividend is reduced from 4.4p to 2.5p.

How Budgie could wake Sleepy Kids

BY MATTHEW BONDS

JOHN Bryan's recent sojourn in St Tropez may have done little to enhance his reputation as a financial adviser, but the Duchess of York may yet be indebted to her friend for a visit to the Côte d'Azur earlier this year.

For it was at the Cannes film festival that Mr Bryan found the Duchess a buyer for the film and merchandising rights to her Budgie the Helicopter books. That buyer was Sleepy Kids, the USM animation and merchandising company. The small print of the deal has become one of the few secrets the Duchess has left. Yesterday, Sleepy Kids was doing its utmost to keep it that way. There was, however, the £300,000 that

the company seemed to need in a hurry. Exercising the Budgie option at a time

when the company was making a loss

had "placed a severe strain upon the

group's financial resources". According-

Ringle The Little Helicopter Film deal: details remain secret shareholders were invited to subscribe

for new shares in the company at 7p.

Martin Powell, joint managing direc-tors of Sleepy Kids, was confident that

the project's commercial prospects had

not been affected by the media attention

focused on its creator. He said: "There

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has been no bad publicity about Budgie the Helicopter." The company had been "mundated" with merchandising proposals, he added, and anyway, there were lots of authors of children's books in the past who had led interesting lives. The board was in accord about the company's Budgle-enhanced future.
The directors cannot over-emphasise the importance of this, in order for the

group to benefit from the immediate

acome which is expected to flow from the merchandising of Budgie."

Mr Powell said firm commitments for about 2.2 million shares have already been received from "institutions and high net worth individuals". But he did not believe the Duchess had received any financial advice that might lead to her gracing the company's shareholder regis-ter. That may be one of her wiser decisions, as Sleepy Kids yesterday announced an interim pre-tax loss of £109,000 and passed its dividend.

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BNFL may build recycling plant

By PATRICIA TEHAN

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels is planning a mixed oxide fuel plant costing tens of millions of pounds to turn its plutoni-

um waste stockpile into fuel.
Neville Chamberlain.
BNFL chief executive, said a decision on whether to apply for planning permission for a plant on its site at Sellafield, Cumbria, would be made by the end of the year.

The company has a pilot plant with eight tonnes a year capacity, which comes into operation next spring.

The decision on the new

100 tonne plant, which would be running by 1998, hangs on the level of demand from customers. So far, the Japanese and Germans are show-

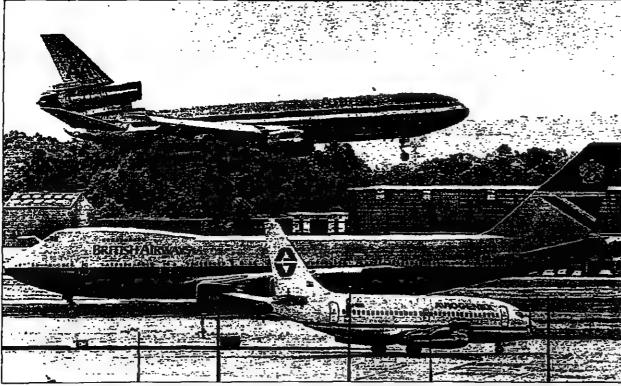
ing the strongest interest.

BNFL revealed the plans yesterday when John Guinness, the new chairman, unveiled the state-owned nuclear power plant operator's annual report. Mr Guinness. former permanent undersecretary at the energy depart-ment, replaced Sir Christoper Harding on July 1.

Profits were £5 million higher in the financial year to March 31, at £161 million, on turnover £40 million ahead at £1.08 billion. BNFL is paying a £52 million dividend to the government, its sole

Mr Guinness said overseas business was of growing importance. In the financial year. exports sales grew 50 per cent

to £268 million. Mr Chamberlain said BNFL expects its staffing levels to fall by about 1,000 to less than 15,000 in the next few



Gatwick encounter: BA claims American carriers have more access to the UK than it is allowed in America

US rivals denounce BA deal

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

FIVE of the most powerful airlines in America have forces to attack the joined proposal by British Airways to take a \$750 million stake in

United, American, Delta. Federal Express and United Parcel Service say, in a strongly-worded document sent to the US Department of Transportation and key Washington decision makers, that "the US government must not

approve this transaction". The agreement, they maintain, would give BA effective control of USAir and "is an illegal takeover of control of a major US carrier by a foreign

interest" They argue that the pro-posed deal would give BA access to the entire American air transport market without giving American airlines anything in return. It would "make it impossible for US airlines to compete on an equal basis in the transatlantic market and undermine the ability of the United States to negotiate free aviation mar-

kets around the world". The airlines hope to play on America's growing unemployment problem during the run-up to the presidential election by raising fears of further job losses in the struggling aviation industry.

For more than 50 years. US law and precedent have prohibited foreign interests from owning or controlling US airlines." they state. The

"illegal" acquisition would make USAir. in effect, the American division of British Airways. BA would have the right to "dictate" executive appointments, markets to be targeted, aircraft purchases

and prices. The message describes the deal as "a backdoor attempt by British Airways to achieve in the United States what its own government will not permit for US carriers on a bilateral, reciprocal basis". It would give BA not a "toehold" in the American market but "a potential stranglehold over ac-cess to 55 million USAir passengers and 200 million

tons of air cargo a year". Both USAir and BA reject the claims and remain confident that the deal will win transportation department approval before the Christmas Eve deadline.

Technically, BA would hold only a 44 per cent stake in the airline and 21 per cent of voting rights. But several clauses would give it wide ranging powers to ensure that USAir's operations fitted in

with its own. In a response being circulated, the two airlines say their American opponents "must be stopped from putting their special interests before the public interest".

They argue that American carriers already have greater access to UK and European markets than European ones are allowed in America.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

HK price advances after rise in profits

PROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

CATHAY Pacific, Hong Kong's flag-carrying airline, announced a 13 per cent rise in net profits to HK\$1.26 billion (£90 million) for the six months to June 30.

Wharf Holdings, a property, transport and hotels group controlled by the family of the late Sir Y. K. Pao, recorded higher net profits of HK\$900.8 million. In addition, there was an extraordi-

nary gain of HK\$56.7 million from disposal of investments. Cathay's results bode well for Swire Pacific, its parent group, which announces its nterim results today. Swire focuses on property and avia-tion, and is expected to report

sharp earnings growth.

Swire Properties, a subsidiary of Swire Pacific, said it had given the Kwok family's Sun Hung Kai Properties an option to acquire from Swire an industrial site for a mini-mum of HK\$575 million during 1993.
Cathay Pacific is forecast to

increase profits by 13 to 18 per cent this year. Peter Sutch, chairman, said second-quarter revenue was below expecta-tions, especially in Hong Kong and Japan. There had been strong growth in Taiwan but the UK and Australia were

Spurred by these results, which followed the announcement of a 51 per cent interim profits rise by HSBC Holdings, parent company of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Hang Seng index leapt 187 points, or 3.5 per cent, to close at 5.478.

IoD promotes employee share ownership

THE Institute of Directors is opening a government-backed campaign to promote the spread of employee share ownership. The employers' group believes that giving workers a financial stake promotes the business development. Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary in the Treasury, will lainch the initiative, and new IoD guidelines on employee share ownership schemes at a conference to be mounted by share ownership schemes, at a conference to be mounted by the IoD in October.

Peter Morgan, director general of the IoD, said the 1980s privatisation programme had increased share ownership and employee involvement. "Our objective is to accelerate the process and demonstrate that if more employees and directors can be encouraged to make a long-term investment in the companies for which they work, real benefits will flow for individuals companies and the LIV accesses." for individuals, companies and the UK economy."

UUS edges ahead

UNITED Uniform Services, a manufacturer and supplier of UNITED Unitorm Services, a manufacturer and supplier of uniforms in America, reported pre-tax profits of £1.46 million (£1.42 million) in the six months to end-June. Turnover increased to £26.3 million (£24.6 million). Earnings per share increased 8 per cent to 4.2p (3.9p), with dollar profits being translated at an average exchange rate of \$1.79 to the pound. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 1p. Gross profit margins on sales slipped from 34.4 per cent to 33.7 per cent, but the fall has been offset by cost cuts. but the fall has been offset by cost cuts.

Daniels loss deepens

S DANIELS, a supplier of food and drink products, saw pre-tax losses deepen from £8,000 to £105,000 in the half year to end-June after a disappointing second quarter. Turnover slipped to £15.7 million (£16.01 million). The loss per share is 0.7p (0.7p) and there is no interim dividend (nil). After exceeding targets for the first quarter, sales and margins suffered in the second quarter. Trading conditions continue to be difficult in the independent bakery sector.

Mallett swings into red

MALLETT, the London antique dealer, plunged from a pre-tax profit of £680,000 to a loss of £485,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover fell to £3.0 million (£4.99 million). There is a loss per share of 3.51p (3.25p profit) and no interim dividend (1.5p). The shump was blamed on a drop in trade. Staff numbers have been reduced 20 per cent since the year end. The company said conditions were the worst since the second world war. The shares fell 17p to 35p.

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Newspapers help to boost profits at **News Corporation**

By Graham Searjeant, fenancial editor

THE News Corporation, the part of its refinancing and reduced debts ahead of scheddia group led by Rupert Murdoch, increased its pre-tax profits 52 per cent to A\$622 million (£223 million) in the year to end June. Strong performances from British and Australian newspapers and American television interests helped increase operating profits 2.1 per cent to A\$1.59 billion, despite a 7.1 per cent fall in revenue to Aus\$10.2 billion, reflecting asset disposals. On continuing businesses. operating profits rose about 9

The group raised A\$2.4 billion in assets sales, new equity and long-term loans as its to £145 million, from a

ule. This helped cut the net interest charge from A\$1.17 billion to A\$932 million.

Earnings per share rose a third to A\$1.48. Including abnormal losses of A\$28.9 million, mainly from the east German newspaper venture, earnings were A\$1.40 against a previous loss of A\$1.09 per share. The dividend is held at 10 cents. The effective tax rate was only 5 per cent due to offsetting previous operating losses but is expected to rise.

News International, the

Divorcees 'should split pensions'

By LIZ DOLAN

DIVORCING couples should split the value of the pension rights in the same way as they divide all the other assets in a marriage, the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) has proposed.

In a submission to an industry working party. NAPF suggests that the pension rights should be shared equally between both pariners, irrespective of the amount each has amassed in their own right during the marriage. If the proposal is adopted, most beneficiaries will be women. At the moment, although couples can spend a lot of time and money on dividing other assets, most husbands are still able to leave a marriage with pension entitlements intact.

David Morgan, a member... of NAPF's research and planning committee, said that, by the year 2025, one in eight women over 60 will be divorcees, compared with just 3 per cent in 1985. He said: "Women are the main losers at the moment. Pensions are one of the largest assets amassed in a working life. the family home."

Brian MacMahon, chairman of NAPF, said the pro-

posal was "quite radical; a completely new departure for Scotland and England". Scotland had recently passes a law on the subject but "in our opinion, it only goes halfway". It stated that pensions must be taken into account on divorce,

were given, he said. He said that guidelines could be drawn up jointly by lawyers and members of the pensions industry. These must be kept as aimple as possible because they would have to be applied by divorce practitioners, rather than pensions experts, he added.

but no detailed guildelines

Under NAPF's plan, the transfer value of the pension will be calculated in the same way as when an employee moves to another job. Neither spouse will be able to spend the money on anything other than a pension. Typically, helf the value will be used by the wife to buy her own plan, while her husband's pension will be reduced by the appropriste amount on retirement. Couples could decide to divide their assets in any way they wanted, so long as each ended up with an equal share of the value of the pension

previous E65 million, which included £45 million losses from Sky Television before it became an associate. Profits of the group's British newspa-pers—The Times, the Sunday Times, The Sun. News of the World and Today—rose by 28 per cent; mainly due to cost-cutting, lower newsprint prices and improved operat-ing efficiency from the £600 million investment in new plant. The Sunday newspapers performed particularly well despite continuing weak-

ness in advertising volumes. Gus Fischer, managing director of News International and News Corp's chief operating officer, said: "In spite of the uncertain outlook for the British economy we expect further improvements for the coming year. News Inter-national special dividend shares rose 23p to 448p. The half-owned BSkyB tele-

vision network has made operating profits since March but contributed to News Corp's A\$56.8 million net losses from associates, most of which was from Ansett Transport Industries, still suffering from the troubled Australian airline market. BSkyB increased the number of receiving dishes installed by I million to 3.3 million. Film channel subscribers are up from 1.2 million to 1.6 million.

In America, operating profits fell from A\$1.08 billion to A\$880 million but most of the fall reflected the sale of profitable magazine interests and withdrawal from foreign exchange trading. The Fox broadcasting network in-creased its ratings and also increased its broadcasting hours during the year. The group's seven television stations also increased profits but three big flops cut profits at Twentieth Century Fox Film. which hopes to benefit this year from the opening of Home Alone II before Christmas. Profits were flat at HarperCollins, the group's

book publishing business. In Australia and the Pacific. which was affected by dispos-als, the South China Morning Post made record profits in a. buoyant Hong Kong economy and Australian newspaper profits rose sharply.



Hills hints at subsidies retaliation

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

guay round of Gatt talks.

CARLA Hills, the combative American trade representative, yesterday quashed any talk of Washington and Brussels having settled their differences over subsidies paid to oilseed farmers and said the Bush administration may still impose retaliatory duties on a \$2 billion bit-list of EC exports

Ms Hills maintained that a decision made in Geneva five years ago by a Gatt trade panel, which ruled against the EC subsidies system, was still binding. We've done all we can since then. Are we missing the point or something?" she asked in a transatiantic satellite link up. She said the deadline for the EC to move

Gatt panel decision was no on the issue "is immediate, indeed it is yesterday". longer valid because the EC European Commission officials at the Worldnet conhas changed its oilseed subsidy system since then.

ference criticised Ms Hills for Ms Hills denied that the using the occasion to score new North American Free points over the EC against the Trade Area agreed between background of the stalled Uni-Canada, the US and Mexico effectively helped divide the A spokesman for Ray world into three trade power MacSharry, EC agriculture blocks. She claimed the new commissioner, said America. Nafta area had erected no exports aimost twice as much external trade barriers. A new Gatt deal was "still a priority to the EC in farm products than it receives, and said the for President Bush".

Pioneer deal to site gas plant at power station

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

Swedish and Swiss companies has struck a pioneering deal to build a £20 million industrial gases plant alongside a British power station. Low costs will enable it to challenge the market dominance of BOC

The deal is expected to set a precedent for the location of energy-intensive industries in the wake of privatisation of

Britain's electricity industry.
Air Gas Production (AGP),
a joint venture between AGA Gas, which is Swedish-controlled, and Distillers MG. owned by Germany's Messer Griesheim, will build its plant on spare land at National Power's Eggborough power station, North Yorkshire. The plant will take its ten-megawant supply direct from the power station, avoiding transmission charges.

The ten-year deal is a vote of confidence in a coal-fired station at a time when such plants face loss of market share to gas-fired ones. It contrasts with the failure of ICI and PowerGen to agree a cut-price power supply for ICI's Merseyside chlorine plants from Ince power station, in Cheshire. The companies concluded that, since the plants were not adjacent, transmission charges could not be avoided. ICI says it might end chlorine production because of power costs.

Neither AGP nor National Power would reveal the power price agreed, though they said it was linked to the pool price. Eggborough has five generat-ing sets, so it should be possible to maintain supplies even during maintenance operations.

An AGP spokesman said: Without the recent structural changes in the UK electricity industry, we could not have negotiated a competitive deal with National Power." Colin Webster, National Power's commercial director, said: We hope the deal will pave the way for similar contracts with large electricity users and encourage further investment in the UK." Eggborough will

A JOINT venture between be the first air separation plant operated by the partners in Britain. It will employ 35 people and be capable of producing 350 tonnes of nitrogen, oxygen and argon a day. It should be operational by the end of next year.

The power station will supply the gases plant with cooling water, as well as electricity.

AGP said the partners had been increasing their share of the UK industrial gases market, which is dominated by BOC and Air Products.

Friendly **Hotels falls** at half time

Friendly Hotels suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £1.35 million to £908,000 in the 24 weeks to mid-June. It said that after difficult conditions early in the year, business had improved. A substantial part of the profit had been made in

the closing weeks of the half. The interim dividend stays at 2.2p, but Friendly said that a higher final dividend would be recommended if expectations were realised for the rest of the year. Last year, it paid a total of 5.5p.

Storm jumps

Storm Group saw interim pretax profits jump from £50,000 to £407,000. The USMquoted company may pay a debut dividend at the year end if the first half's level of profits

Latin loss

Latin American Investment Trust made an interim pre-tax loss of \$313,000 (\$579,000 profit). There is again no dividend. Net assets were \$1.85 at June 30.

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Bisichi Mining reports unchanged interim pre-tax prof-

Report of Wace enquiry expected within weeks

By MATTHEW BOND

THE trade department is expected to complete its investigation into companies linked: to Wace, the print services group, in the next two or three veeks. The investigation was launched after John Clegg abruptiy resigned as managing director at the end of

Frans ten Bos, Wace chairman, who spoke to depart-ment inspectors last week, said he was confident that Wace staff had nothing to fear from the department's report. "At no stage in the enquiry has anyone at Wace been implicated," he said. He would like the

report to be published, to clear the air. The investigation is not into Wace itself but into the ownership of Parkway, a company Wace bought in 1990; Tinsley Robor, in which Wace has a minority stake;

and European Colour, which has no apparent link to Wace. Wace's pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 fell 29.3 per cent to £5.6 million. Despite the fall, the interim dividend is maintained at

No replacement for Mr Clegg has yet been found.

HSBC headquarters to move to the blue tower

BY OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

HSBC, parent company of the Hongkong and Midland banks, is to set up its worldwide headquarters at the present Midland Montagu tower block in Lower Thames Street in the City, rather than moving into the listed Lutyens-designed Midland Bank HQ opposite the Bank

of England.
William Purves, chairman of HSBC, has chosen the controversial blue landmark building because he does not want to associate the group's small London head office,

Midland subsidiary, which retains a separate identity. Mr Purves sees the group as a unique international group, nather than a British or Hone Kong bank. The name Midland Montagu is to disappear as part of the re-organisation of Midland. HSBC has made clear it expects Midland to conform to the group target of operating costs being only 60

per cent of income.

Li Hongkong Bank of Canada reported a 7.4 per cent rise in net income to Can\$40.5 million for the nine months to

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which will comprise about end July, after a 14 per cent 150 people, too closely with its rise in the third quarter.

A STEADIER performance from the pound failed to halt the bout of jitters that have gripped the gilt market this week. Prices fell by as much as £1 before rallying to close off the bottom. The latest gilt auction for £2.5 billion of Treasury 84 per cent 2017 'A' was eventually oversubscribed, with investors offering a total of £3.1 billion for the stock on offer. Brokers expressed disappointment with the "tail", the difference between the average and lowest price bid, which amounted

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's spectacular on the pound and the Bank of England's intervention in the currency markets did little to soothe nerves in the bond market. Most of the damage was seen at the longer end where Treasury 84 per cent 2017 dropped E⁹/16 to

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WH Smith shows virtues of diversity

profits ahead in a year when the winds of recession clipped many a high street retailers' wings owes everything to the diversity of the portfolio and management's determination

to keep on driving down costs. Group interests extend well beyond paper clips, writing materials and bottles of ink. and since there were more positive swings than negative roundabouts in the year to May 30, pre-tax profits rose from £89 million to £112.7

But for the drag of Do It All the joint venture with Boots that in brighter times could have a great future, but meanwhile requires lots of cash — results would have been even better. The group's higher final dividend at 9.1p (8.5p) a share, making 13.4p (12.5p), went down well in a market starved of good news.

a 15p rise to 376p. Smith's distribution activities performed strongly, turning in a 19 per cent increase in trading profits, while retailing businesses fared well considering the climate in the high street. The net interest bill eased from £28.2 million to £3.4 million as a result of the May 1991 rights issue, that raised £147.8 million, and the sale of travel and virtually all the television

Sir Simon Hornby, chair-

MMC enquiry into newspaper distribution arrangements is a serious cloud over prospects, and is relieved to note that the suicidal price wars in the DIY market appear to be over.

Analysts, however, do not totally share such relaxed views, but they do see net earnings running ahead while the tax charge remains on the low side, and they do expect pre-tax profits growth both this year and in 1994 as further productivity gains are squeezed out of the business.

A headline pre-tax profit of Ell9 million this financial year, rising to £130 million the following year, puts the share on 11.3 times prospective 1993 earnings, and on 10.4 times 1994 profit hopes. On balance, hold on.

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GUARDIAN Royal Exchange has been as realistic and cautious as any of the composites in cutting its business — and its dividends — to suit its reduced circumstances. Non-life premium income fell 7 per cent in the first of the year despite rate increases rising to 25 per cent in motor at the cost of market share.

Losses were cut more spectacularly. The UK underwriting loss, the main blackspot, fell from £180 million to £125 million despite £10 million on



Strong performers: Sir Simon Hornby, left, and Sir Malcohn Field of WH Smith

mainland bomb damage and £16 million on mortgage in-

demnity. The pre-tax loss tumbled from £88 million to £39 million with a profit being earned in the traditionally more benign second quarter. GRE is not heavily exposed to Hurricane Andrew, which might still cost £10 million, Barring any new masties, the market is looking for only a small loss of perhaps £10 million for the year. Some optimists expect breakeven or

The cut in the interim dividend from 4.4p to 2.5p is to spread the big cut in last year's final and implies a fullyear payment at least maintained at 7p. That would leave the shares yielding 7.4 per cent at an unchanged 126p. This looks a reasonably safe high income given the recov-ery trend, but potential is Wace

The solvency margin has edged down to 40 per cent despite a cannily timed long-term put option on £150 million of equity holdings and any profits at all. That it managed to hold

Vernon Partridge, of Carr Kiteat and Aitken, suggests a realistic asset value may be marginally shy of the share price. The shares are still well

CONSIDERING the astonishing brouhaha that threatened to engulf Wace in Rebruary, it is remarkable that the printing services company found time to make

10 per cent decline, at £10.1 million, in the worst print and advertising market for 40 years is a considerable

rosy at the pre-tax level, where

ichievement by Frans ten Bos, chairman, and his team. The picture is rather less

profits fell 29.3 per cent to £5.6 million, as seasonal demand for working capital and \$3.3 million of cash earn-out payments lifted net borrowings by £8 million to £90.6 million and gearing to about 117 per cent.

The traditionally stronger second half should see borrowings reduced modestly. but a more permanent reduction may have to await an improvement in the property market Cost control measures appear to be working, particularly in America, where oper-ating profits rose 55 per cent to £3.7 million. In Europe. to to, operating profits advanced to £2.2 million. But there was no defying the British slump, where fierce competition, especially in commercial litho printing, saw operating profits drop 37 per cent to £4.3 million.

Full-year profits could hit £16.5 million, slightly down on last year but edough to maintain the final dividend at 6p, giving a prospective total of 8.25p. At 90p, on a p/e multiple of nine and a yield of over 12 per cent the shares

STOCK MARKET

Share prices are helped by steadier sterling

THE equity market was able to regain some of its poise, helped by a steadier performance by the pound and an opening rise on Wall Street. But brokers and fund managers are taking nothing for granted and know only too well that the threat of higher interest rates remains real.

Reuters regained some of this week's dollar-related falls with a rise of 13p to £10.25 as Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, picked up stock. It feels the recent turmoil in foreign exchange markets will help boost Reuters' trading system, Dealing 2002.

Share prices enjoyed small gains at the start of trading, and again after the Chancellor repeated the government's man, gave a warning, howevpolicy on the pound and its position within the exchange-rate mechanism.

er, there was no sign of any real pick up in consumer spending.

Investors were also encour-

realignment. This was later denied by both the Chancellor and the Bundesbank. After this, prices once again drifted lower, fluctuating in narrow limits for much of the rest of the day. But a late rally by the pound

and an opening rise in the Dow Jones industrial average enabled the FT-SE 100 index to wipe out a 7-point deficit to finish 4 points higher at 2.285. Turnover remained thin, with only 374 million zhaves maded. WH Smith A rose 120 to

373p after reporting a rise of almost 27 per cent to £112.7 million in full-year pre-tax

The company said it had 7.4 per cent by offering customers better value for money. Sir Simon Homby, the chair-The continued absence of

consumer confidence continues to weigh heavily on most England and faint whispers retailers and partly accounted that Germany may consider for an early fall of 7p in



Kingfisher, which later rallied to finish only 2p lighter at

Marks and Spencer rose 5p to 286p as Smith New Court, the broker, repeated its longterm buy view. But the slump in spending has prompted the broker to cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £20 million to £730 million.

The building sector re-mained under a cloud with County NatWest, the broker, warning its clients that it is facing another period of has calculated that at least 18 of the 31 companies it covers in the sector will be forced to cut their dividends. It is a

In building materials, there were setbacks for BPB industries, 2p to 138p, Blue Circle Industries, 7p to 155p, Breedon, 3p to 67p, Hey-wood Williams, 15p to 160p,

short-term seller of all the

Pilkington, 3p to 81p, Redland, 20p to 354p, Rugby Group, 7p to 168p and Tarmac, 4p to 67p. Among the construction companies there were losses for Berkeley Group, 4p to 201p, Amec, 3p to 68p, Persimmon. 8p to 181p. Prowting, 3p to 90p, Tay Homes, 5p to 151p, Taylor Woodrow, 2p to 51p and Wilson Bowden. 4p to and Wilson Bowden, 4p to

A better than expected performance from Guardian Royal Exchange failed to make much impression after the group succeeded in more than halving its interim losses from £88 million to £39

Analysts had been forecast-The shares firmed 1p to 127p. The rest of the composites failed to make much headway. They have been under a cloud much of the week, fearing high insurance claims resulting from the effects of Hurricane Andrew.

Commercial Union dipped

2p to 446p and General Accident 2p to 407p. But there were gains elsewhere in

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the sector with Royal insur-ance up 1p to 149p and Sun

Alliance, 2p to 219p.
USM-quoted Halls Homes
& Gardens dipped 2p to just
4p on learning that the publication of its results had been postponed.

Bowater fell 12p to 726p before its trading news next

Not everyone was impressed with the strong profits growth from HSBC. County Nat-West, the stockbroker, says the performance cannot out-weigh the fondamental risks associated with the group and Hong Kong. But the shares still climbed 18p to 324p.

week, expected to show its half-year pre-tax profits dimb-ing from £51 million to £71.5

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MICHAEL CLARK

Stable dollar and bonds help Dow to early gain

New York - Blue chips were Straits Times industrial index slightly firmer in quiet. late morning trading, helped by a stable dollar and bond prices, but sentiment generally remained nervous. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.78 points to 3,235.

☐ Tokyo — Shares ended firmer, with the Nikkei index fluctuating aimlessly. The Nikkei rose 160.88 points, or 0.98 per cent, to 16,541.65. ☐ Singapore — Prices soared across the board, led by Singapore Airlines, which rose on news of its bonus plan being

approved by the Stock Ex-

change of Singapore. The

rose 31.62 points, or 2.36 per cent, to 1,370.53. ☐ Sydney — Shares recovered

three quarters of the losses sustained in Tuesday's global rout to close sharply higher. The all-ordinaries index closed 17 points higher at 1,534.4.

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☐ Frankfurt — Shares ended mixed. Prices were buffeted by positive corporate news, nega tive inflation data and arbitrage trade against the future on the 30-share Dax index. But the Dax bounced back to end 4.37 points higher at 1,473.28.

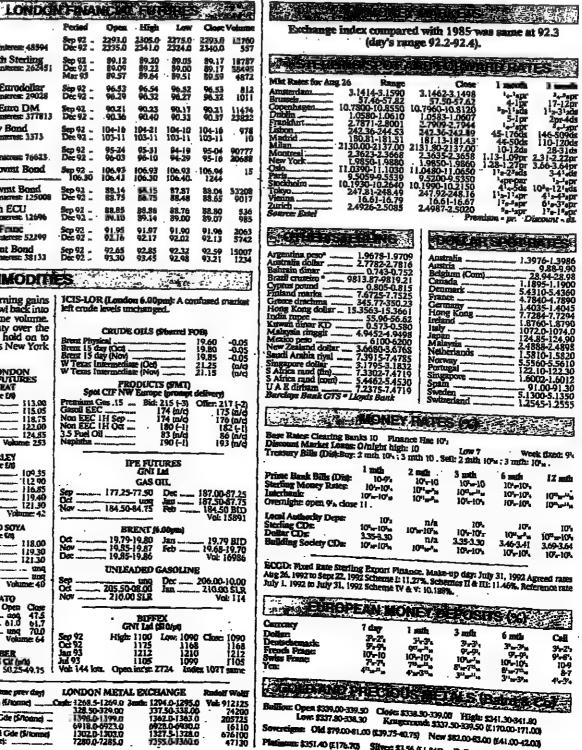


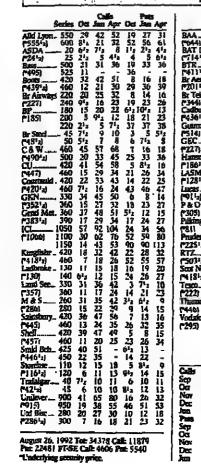
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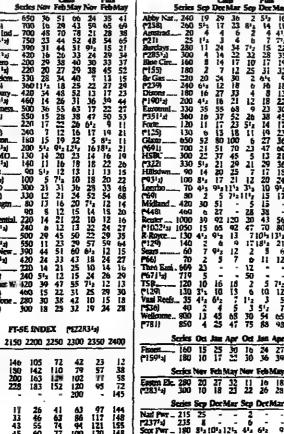
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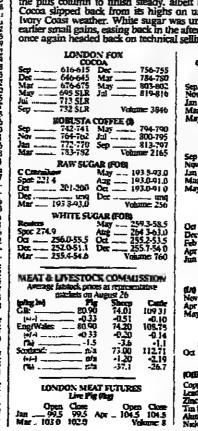
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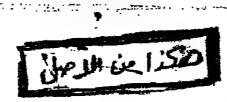
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USAir deal runs into turbulence

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he full power of the mighty US airline lobby is now ranged up against British Airways over its plans to invest \$750 million in the struggling USAir group. The battle promises to be a bloody one which BA must win if it is to maintain forward momentum in the next few years after the failure of planned links with Sabena, KLM and others including one of the protesters. United Aidines in the including one of the protesters, United Airlines in the US. But the leading US carriers will do everything within their powers to block the entry of what is arguably the world's strongest (in a financial sense) and most profitable competitor into their market. The three airlines and two parcel delivery groups which have just launched a campaign to block BA, American, Delta, United, Federal Express and UPS, would all claim to be free traders to their dying breath. But like so many champions of competition, they waver when an agressive newcomer appears inside their own back yard.

The "Nimby" five are characterising the USAir deal as a takeover of a sizable US carrier by a foreign interest in direct violation of laws that severely restrict non-American involvement in the transportation and media industries. In fact BA would not be allowed to exercise more than 25 per cent of the votes in USAir under existing American law, even though it will eventually own 44 per cent of USAir's common stock when its initial holdings of convertible stock are switched. BA would also have no more than a quarter of the seats on USAir's 16-man board, certainly not enought to give outright control. However, since BA clearly wishes to have some say in a massive investment, it will have certain blocking powers when some issues are before the board. This is likely to be the critical focus of legal arguments as the planned

deal proceeds through the regulatory process.

Decisions on key matters of finance, budgeting and acquisition strategy will need a "super-majority" of 80 per cent of USAir's votes to approve them. BA may well have some powers of veto, but surely not even within the complexitie: of the American legal system does this amount to control.

Despite statements to the contrary, the British airline industry suspects that their US counterparts see an opportunity to lever concessions from Britain over access to domestic routes. The fact is that BA would revitalise USAir at a time when most leading US carriers are enfeebled by vast debts. British regulators will see through this at once.

Hard funding

he government completed its auction of longterm debt yesterday, but only just. Bids rolled in at 1.24 times the £2.5 billion of Treasury 2017 84 per cent available. The lowest previous cover for an auction was 1.62 times. It has been as high as 4.5 times. The closeness of yesterday's auction is an early warning of how much difficulty the government could face in funding future borrowing, especially if the French vote against enactment of the Meastricht treaty and the stresses already apparent in the European rate mechanism become intolerable.

This year the government's borrowing requirement is estimated to reach between £30 billion and £32 billion by independent economists. Next year something more like £46 billion is forecast, ironically reaching 6 per cent of expected GDP, and on the scale of post-reunification German requirements.

A British deficit of these proportions will require a healthy pound to attract the overseas money needed to fund it. No one is taking bets on the pound's health shead of the dreaded September 20 French vote. As one economist put it last night, present official British economic policy is to pray for a "yes" vote in France.

Women have opened boardroom doors but lack executive power

Liz Dolan asks if the

Opportunity 2000 campaign, launched last year, has cracked the

glass ceiling over women's promotion

hen Louise Botting, the broadcaster and financial consultant, joined the main board of LWT Holdings this month, the words "token woman" sprang anew to the lips of the more cynical observers. The problem is a common one for women who have spent their lives breaking new ground in previously all-male settings. Ms Botting has a number of "firsts" to her credit. In her twenties, she became the first Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank. Five years ago, she became the first female member of the Top Salaries Review Board. In March this year, she became the first female director of General Accident, the insurance company.

The first woman on the board will always be in danger of attracting the "token" tag from which subsequent problem is already diminishing slowly as more companies announce the appointment of female directors. While not yet a flood, there has been a definite increase in the number of women entering the boardroom over the past year, a move which may owe something to the launch of Opportunity 2,000 last October.

As the numbers grow, more com-panies face the problem of whether to highlight the sex of their new board member. This is a thornier topic now than it was even a few years ago, when to appoint a woman was considered per se "a good thing". Nowadays, a growing number of companies will go out of their way to deny any part gender may have played in the selection process. Of Ms Botting's appointment, General Accident said: "We don't discriminate between men and women. It so happened Louise Botting had the background and pedigree. Her personal finance background will be an

Of the appointment in January of Prue Leith, restaurateur and cookery writer, to the board of the Leeds Permananent building society, Mal-coln Barr, the president, said: "Prue Leith was appointed to the board because of her remarkable business. Turning the subject on its head, he added: "However, in a world where men still dominate the boardroom, a woman needs to be especially talented or determined in order to succeed.

She certainly has these qualities."

Some female high-flyers take the same line. One such is Mair Barnes, the managing director of Woolworth who became a non-executive director of Abbey National this year. She has always refused to discuss the fact she is a woman because she says she wants to be judged solely on her merits as a retailer. Others, such as



Sex appeal: Anna Vinton, Cadbury Schweppes director, believes women add a useful extra dimension

Anna Vinton, co-chairman of The Reject Shop group, are happy to discuss the point. Mrs Vinton says she was invited to join the board of Cadbury Schweppes 18 months ago purely because she was a woman.

She says: "The chairman [Sir Graham Day] is Canadian and very pro-women. When he arrived on the chairman has took one look and said said." Do

board, he took one look and said: 'Do something. Women behave differently from men. They reason differextra dimension."

Mary Baker, who serves on the boards of Barclays, the Prudential, Avon and MFI, said: "A board is always looking for a range of experience from its non-executive directors. It is perfectly obvious a woman is going to have had different experiences from a man. A board without any representation from half the human race is going to be unbal-anced. But the track record must stand up. You can't just go out on the street and take the first woman you find." Mrs Baker's first directorship

was with Thames Television. When she was appointed in 1975, the company was keen to develop its daytime television service. They consciously wanted a woman with children at home who knew what people did during the day," she says.

Baker has been closely involved with opportunities n me ama Women in Management Any company that invites her on to its board is therefore making a tacit commitment to the career interests of the women on its staff.

She claims that Thames was the first corporation in this country formally to establish an equal oppor-tunities policy. Barclays followed suit a few years later.

Barciays, she claims, has always had a first-rate woman in charge of the equal opportunities programme. "Right from the start, they have set targets and monitored progress. You

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can initiate policies until the cows come home, but unless they're monitored at a senior level, you won't get

MFI, whose board she joined in June, is also "grasping the issue. It's very exciting. The chairman, Derek Hunt, is very committed to getting

this movement going."

Mrs Vinton said: Schweppes is now actively looking for women to promote. They have identibecome executive directors in ten years' time. If they're very good, they could easily end up running the

Both Mrs Vinton and Mrs Baker are closely involved with Opportunity 2000. Mrs Vinton said: "Opportuni-ty 2000 may have an effect on companies who have not been as forward-looking as Cadbury's. It's human nature to follow the crowd."

As more women chose to spend their entire adult life working in industry, a new breed of female director is emerging whose experi-

ence is closer to that of the men with whom they serve. The head of one leading company made it clear to colleagues recently that, although he was actively seeking a woman director, he did not want one of the great and the good'.

He wanted, and got, a career business woman, appointed solely for the expertise she had acquired as a high-powered company executive. "We knew what he meant," a spokesman for the company said.
"He didn't want any of the 'if it's
Tuesday it must be XYZ company brigade. Or those who got the job because of their title, or because they're married to a famous name, or once sat on a committee."

Margaret Brewster of ProNed, which campaigns for the appointment of more non-executive directors of either sex, said: "As women's careers have progressed in the last few years, many have developed to the stage where they are ready to take on non-executive roles. They have reached a level in their own company where they can be released to take on other duties."

he Halifax building society, which has no female directors and no plans to appoint any, says most suitable candidates are still battling their way through to the upper echelons. David Gilchrist, general manager, said it took time for the effect of initiatives such as Opportunity 2,000 to work its way through to board level. "Directors are chosen for what they can give to the board. Building societies nowadays are involved with more than mortgages. They have estate agents and European operations. The whole spectrum is there now."

The Woolwich obviously feels differently. It has just appointed its fourth female director. The first, Patricia Mann, a vice-president of J Walter Thompson, the advertising agency, has been on the board for ten years. A spokesman for the Woolwich said: "We have a very positive attitude to women. They make up 75 per cent of our staff. They also have the biggest single influence on homebuying and were one of the main reasons why the building society movement grew so fast in the

seventies."

However, despite the welcome growth in new female non-executive directors, the real test is yet to come. That is, the appointment of women as executive directors. These are still a very rare breed.

A survey published by the Institute of Policy Studies last November found that women accounted for nearly 5 per cent of all UK company Crawfords Directory of City Connections, published at the beginning of this year, of the 4,000-plus top directors in the country -- chairmen. chief executives, managing directors and finance directors — only 20 are women. And most of those are

finance directors.

Mary Baker, veteran of numerous boards, said: "Right from the start, I have always felt that I was there as a non-executive, to hold the door open to women on the executive side, because that's where the real power

Pensioners abroad

Sir. The letter from Mr L.M.

Courtenay (Business Letters,

August 20) spoke of the denial

to a UK retirement pensioner

living abroad of any increase

in the UK retirement pension

introduced after the pensioner

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From Mr J. R. Burges

Taxing question for KPMG

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IF THE Queen is really considering paying income tax on her personal wealth, as has been reported, the change will make an interesting variation in the work of KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm. KPMG is responsible for the annual audit of the privy purse and, so far, has not had to bother with anything as commonplace as taxes. According to KPMG, the choice of auditor is a personal appointment of the Queen and a member of the Peat family has filled the role since the reign of Edward VII. In 1987, the position passed to 42-year-old Michael Peat, who attended Eton and Oxford, and a KPMG partner, who, since 1990, has been seconded to the royal household and Buckingham Palace as director of finance and property services. According to Buckingham Palace, the "privy purse" in-cludes all the Queen's private finances and income from the royal estates, excluding income from the Civil List. The Queen, who is estimated to have a fortune of about £5 billion, received £3.1 million last year from the Duchy of Lancaster alone. With taxes not a consideration in modern times, the preoccupation in the royal household in recent years has, as is well known, been controlling personal spending. "In every organisation, people have to think about efficiency and value for money and the royal household is no different." Mr Peat was quoted as saying when his secondinient began.



Who better as the new head of Saab in Sweden than some one called Keith Butler-Wheelhouse? Evidently a man destined not to escape his name, Butler-Wheelhouse previously ran Delta Motor Corp in South Africa

Surrey soap A SOAP opera called Guildford, full of intrigue and passion and littered with chaps in ten-gallon hats, may not sound the most likely scenario - but it may yet happen. Ranger Oil has just joined fel-low oil companies Arco, Fina and Esso in moving its head-quarters to Guildford, adding to the city's growing reput-ation as the Dallas of Surrey Julian Metherell, a Ranger Oil spokesman, says oil companies and drillers have been

rushing to relocate near each other and have even set up the 0483 Club for oil men - 0483 is the telephone code for Guildford. Who will play the part of JR is still anybody's guess, but Metherell insists Fred J. Dyment Ranger Oil's Canadian president, is not right for the role. "He doesn't wear a stetson, he's of medium build and quite slight, and I would suggest that he presides over a rather more harmonious managerial dynasty." Metherell says.

Hedged bets WHHE Wall Street is over-

whelmingly backing George Bush for a second term as president, two of the biggest investment banks have hedged their bets with political donations. Goldman Sachs and Shearson Lehman have donated to both Bush and Bill Clinton, the Democratic candidate, but not in equal terms. According to the National Li-brary on Money & Politics in Washington, Goldman, whose senior partner and cochairman Robert Rubin, is mentioned as a likely Treasury secretary under a Clinton administration, has contributed \$98,700 to the Democrats. but only \$37,500 to the Republicans. By contrast, Shearson has chipped in \$23,000 to Bush and \$19,750 to Clinton. Contributing without a hedge: Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch, First Boston, Dillon Read, Prudential Securities and PainWebber. They have given Bush a total of \$190,300.

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CBI has shown its commitment to solving problem of late payments

From Richard Brucciani believe could achieve major

Sir, The Times cites the results of Trade Indemnity's Quarter-ly Industrial Trends Survey as evidence that the CBI's Code of Prompt-Payment Practice is not working (Business Comment, August 18).

The prevalence of late payment is a long standing problem and one which needs to be addressed from a number of angles. The Code of Practice lannched in February is just one of the CBI's own initiatives in this area. Other activities include monitoring European Commission activity and lobbying for improvements in court procedures for debt recovery. We are also highlight-

agement. Trade Indemnity's survey showed that a quarter of respondents had updated overdue accounts procedures in the past three months, with more than one in five carrying out credit checks on customers. The CBI is keen to encourage the development of such practice and will shortly be launching a series of semi-

nars on credit control. The Code itself is having a significant impact in raising awareness of the late payment problem. Over 400 organisations have already pledged support for its principles, in-

terms year by year.
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Yours faithfully.

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Yours truly

ing the role companies them-selves can play in avoiding payment problems through effective financial man-

The CBI's efforts to ease the borden of late payment on small businesses stem from our strong commitment to this sector. Over two thirds of businesses represented by the CBI are smaller firms and we have therefore consistently taken a lead from our Smaller Firms Council in formulating policy on this issue.

We are pleased to note the support of The Times for our efforts to reduce delays in the courts. We have submitted a package of proposals to the Lord Chancellor, which we and speed of the debt recovery system. But whilst it is certainly important that the legal system should provide an effective final recourse, we should not be deterred from trying to reduce the number of suppliers needing to go to court to obtain payment of a

improvements in the efficiency

RICHARD BRUCCIANI, Chairman, CBI Smaller Firms Council, Confederation of Industry. Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street,

Funding pensions for full face value Share certificates From Mr John Langton

Sir, While agreeing with recent correspondents who claim that the Retail Price Index is not an appropriate basis for pension adjustment, I would just note the plight of many pensioners of major company schemes who have been lucky to receive discretionary increases of around 70 per cent of the annual move-

ment of the RPI. A relationship with the earnings index could give a more sensible basis for appraisal for all pensions but this is a forlorn hope for most of us.

Good reasons to continue with the RPI than this. Increasing the

From Mr W. K. Duncan Sir, I agree with Mr Carson (RPI and pensions) that the RPI is not obviously a good basis for settling pensions, but we must be careful about changing to another index. The July 1992 figure for the

increase in RPI is 3.7, but food

Many company schemes have From Mr A. J. Oxley Sir. Letters from Edward Lewrelied on the savings accruing from paying pensions in mon-ey worth less and less in real

is and Dr Ian Jessiman (August 14 and 19) highlight disclaimers by companies and their registrars of any responsibility for non-delivery of share certificates. This can cause much trouble and exzero, it would be interesting to see companies having to incontribution holidays, to fund the pensions which would pense to the innocent individual shareholder. Only rarely will replacements be freely offered, as in the Abbey National flotation flasco, when thousands of certificates went missing. This scandalous practice, with is underlying assumption that the institu-tion is infallible and any loss must be the silly investor's fault, is now the standard (including privatisation and rights issues). Some 25 years ago there was a press camweight given to these items would therefore have propaign against the then common practice of dyers and cleaners disclaiming, in small print, all responsibility for damage to clothes entrusted to them, which led to Parliament

certificates and (eventually) Taurus faults. In any case, costly indemnities are a nonsense (the law can be applied against anyone selling shares twice over). Firms should meet the cost of lost certificates: not because they are at fault, but it is hard to say where the fault

lies, and a negligible expense

to the company may be large to the shareholder.

Yours faithfully, A J OXLEY, 18 Marriott Close, Oxford.

than cynical mean-mindedness, for such people have no UK votes and their interests can therefore be safely disregarded. So may I, through your columns, ask the Treasury, the Department of Social Security, or whoever has primary responsibility, to identify the statutory basis for the existence

of the restriction and to spell out the logic justifying its imposition? Yours faithfully, J.R. BURGES, Little Acre, Crossfield Place,

Weybridge, Surrey.

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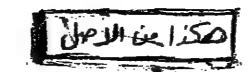
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Two alternative views of the absurdities of the tax system

Squaring up to the Revenue monster we all love to loathe

to pay it, but what I dislike about income tax, even more than the pain of parting with the loot, is the bungling way it is organised. For more than 15 years, I have guided selfemployed people through the labyrinthine shambles that passes for an income tax system. While trying to explain to them the lunary of the system, I have seen more eyes glaze over in resigned incomprehension than a Tunisian thief has had hot dinars. Politicians have tinkered with income tax over the years

but there is no political mile-Rumour has it, however, that age in simplifying "loss relief" or abolishing the "preceding year basis of assessment", so it still has a measure of support in the VAT office. thousands of civil servants. accountants and texpayers are left muttering muffled curses over tens of thousands of hours of nonsensical computations. income tax has a long history. You might hope that governments would have

learned from experience and now have its operation finely tuned. Fat chance. The combined skills of political opportunists and sedentary jobs-worths have ensured that the regulations have, over the decades, evolved into a system that has as much fluidity as congealed semolina.

Some misguided historians believe income tax first crawled out from under a slab in 1799. But records show that thousands of years earlier, in the highly organised cities of Peru, there was a crude form

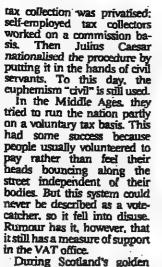
tax collection was privatised; self-employed tax collectors worked on a commission basis. Then Julius Caesar nationalised the procedure by putting it in the hands of civil servants. To this day, the euphemism "civil" is still used. In the Middle Ages, they tried to run the nation partly on a voluntary tax basis. This had some success because people usually volunteered to pay rather than feel their

During Scotland's golden age, Adam Smith tossed around a few ideas. He held the startling opinion that a government should think before introducing a tax. He laid down four guidelines that should apply to any tax: cer-tainty — there should be no ambiguity about what is due: reasonably easy for the taxpaytion costs should be only a

small proportion of the tax:

and the tax should relate to the

taxpayer's ability to pay. How well does today's income tax meet Adam's guidelines? Certainty - a selfemployed person's tax bill is not conclusive until several years later. Convenience - tax bills can arrive in a cluster, or be amended years later. Economy — the Revenue must keep more loggers in work than any



other paper-spewing organis-ation outside Brussels. Ability to pay - a mega-bill arriving three years after one boom year leads to much unrewarding fumbling by the Revenue as they try to take the breeks off a Highlandman.

There is more. We have an income tax system under which it is common for a taxpayer to have some of his affairs dealt with by one tax office and other matters by a different office. When communication between them is necessary, they operate with as much efficiency as a semaphore flag in an

eclipse. If someone is a partdifficult. If he incurs a loss time employee and also selfthere are myriad interweaving employed, the tax offices can regulations that may, or may lose the place entirely in calculating the tax bill. This once not, let him claim tax relief However, there is no tax relief led, in my experience, to a on valium even when it is, to letter of apology from the use the taxman's phrase, "wholly and exclusively" re Revenue. That was a nice gesture, but the taxpayer inquired for tax purposes. volved would have preferred My plea is for two basic not to have had the 18 months

changes to bring the income of misery that preceded it. tax system into the twentieth Somebody who lets out century, preferably before we property will receive a tax reach the twenty-first. First, one tax office should collate all demand on January 1, which of one taxpayer's income and allowances. Second, all inis to be based on the income up to the following March 31 come should be taxed in the yes, the tax is due three months before anybody knows year it arises. Not exactly earth-shattering demands.

The Revenue's savings in their personpower would be substantial. Taxpayers' hair would go grey less quickly. There is one final point: will anybody have a job for a redundant accountant? The author is a partner in Mackenzie Braidwood. of



whether separate businesses. But the overwhelm-

hearses - "whether conshow jumping events

As you can see, the tribunais are dealing with some of the most wide-ranging and

but the tip of the iceberg. For the record, the answer, for tax purposes, is that it is a cake, despite "packaging and marketing more typical of biscuits than of cakes". But the range of questions that this end of the food business has prompted is quite extraordinary. You can start with the relatively straightforward "biscuits for use in the ice-cream trade whether confectionery" and progress to

'chocolate Dundees - whether biscuits". But it's not all teatime down at the

Nonsensical world of VAT tribunals

seem puzzling. It was supposed to be a straightforward tax. When White Papers on its creation were appearing in flurries in 1972, Anthony Barber, the then Chancellor, announced that "Britain will have the simplest VAT in all of Europe". Twenty years on, that appears to have been a rather optimistic statement.

The best way of seeing the sheer nonsense that goes on in the VAT world is to look at the disputes that the VAT tribunals have dealt with, if that is the right phrase, over the years. A browse through the latest issue of Tolley's VAT Cases brings one closer to the world of AP Herbert's Misleading Cases or Beachcomber's countroom farrages involving Mr Justice Cocklecarrot than anything that might have been thought of as the dignified and arcane world of tax legislation.

As a portrait of a nation of eccentric, squabbling business people, continually harassed and confused by pedantic tax authorities, it is hard to beat. One minute you are deep in arguments over "pheasant shoots contributions by participants towards costs". The next you are plunged into "poolroom operated by wife of car dealer

ing question that the huge number of tribunal decisions pase is whether this sort of thing is really what grown men and women should be devoting their intellect, effort and careers to arguing over. Take some more examples:

structed for special purpose"; flat in a tenement - "whether a building"; nursing shawls - "whether suitable for older persons"; pony in "whether for purposes of practice of an accountant".

challenging questions of our time. They are also obsessed with food. Last year's famous "is a Jaffa Cake a cake or a biscuit?" question was

tribunals, despite rulings over "provision of

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meals by cricket club for visiting teams". There is also, for example, the historic ruling in 1981 over the scorecards sold at Lord's Cricket Ground. The VAT commissioners had always taken the view that scorecards were zero-rated. But in October 1980. possibly with the arrival of the Australians in the following season in mind, they changed their tune. April 1981 saw a titanic struggle as the Marylebone Cricket Club argued that the cards were, in fact, leaflets. Unfortunately, the cricketing authorities were left with their stumps in disarray. To be classified as leaflets, the printed cards would have to be distributed for a "nominal consideration". As anyone at Saturday's one-day international at Lord's could testify, the price charged for the sheet of

printed card is far from nominal.

One might have thought that with 20 years of caselaw, the tribunals would have sorted out most of the questions that might arise. Not so. Tolley's VAT Cases is compiled by Alan Dolton and Hugh Mainprice and Mr Mainprice has been doing some calculations. The original idea of the tribunals was that they would be independent, cheap and speedy

This is no longer remotely true. They are also reproducing like rabbits. In the first eight years of their existence, they had to deal with 1,000 cases. It took only another three-and-a-half years to reach the next 1,000. Twenty years on, we are nearing the 8,000 cases landmark. Mainprice calculates that if the rate of growth of argument, tribunals and appeals continues, we will reach 100,000 cases a year by 1999. This may do much for the entertainment of the populace, but will not do much for the tax system.

Meanwhile, back to the nonsense. A case in he past year has stirred memories of one of the daftest deliberations in VAT history. Last October, there was much

argument over a "guided tour around disused mine including transport in miners' cage". This revolved around whether the time spent in the cage was a separate supply of transport or not. It revived thoughts of the case of the big dipper on Blackpool pleasure beach. In 1974, a tribunal decided that people paying to go on the big dipper were undoubtedly using it primarily as a means of transport from one place to another rather than as fun. It took the Queen's Bench division to rule on appeal that this was patent nonsense, which, ike so much of the world of VAT, it was.

Value may not justify the cost of keeping small audits statutory

Chris Swinson

explains why opposition has

not deterred the ICA's campaign

TO MANY there may seem to be an odd contrast between the reaction to the Cadbury report by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and its arritude towards the audit of smaller companies.

On the one hand, the ICA strongly supports Cadbury's desire to improve corporate governance and its view of the importance of the auditor in that process. On the other hand, it is urging an abatement in the statutory requirement for the audit of smaller companies. If audits are so valuable for larger companies. why are they not valuable for smaller companies? If audits are important in ensuring the proper governance of the larger companies, why not for smaller?

However, it appears the ICA is not saying that there is nothing gained by the audit of small companies. Auditors help smaller (as larger) companies to ensure that their book-keeping arrangements are sound. They help smaller companies ensure their accounts are reliable and properly prepared and help assess their businesses.

We are not saying that there is no value in the audit of smaller companies. However. we question whether that value justifies the cost of the

There are fundamental differences between the position of the stakeholders in larger and smaller companies. In the larger, quoted companies with which the Cadbury committee is concerned, there is a division between ownership and management of the business. The general body of shareholders in a quoted company



Benefits not clear: Chris Swinson, of the ICAEW

are not the end of the matter.

Annual accounts for private

companies do not have to be

filed at Companies House

until ten months after the end

of a financial year. Many are

filed later. Even if the informa-

tion were more speedily available, it is limited. The

information, whether audited

or unaudited, does not enable

the reader to make a balanced

assessment of the way in

which the business is progress-

ing. In short, it is not adequate

to enable a creditor to judge

the current credit worthiness

creditors rely on the audited accounts at all? The evidence is that, increasingly, they do not. Any creditor of a smaller

business will take one or more

steps to protect himself. First,

he will try to reduce the credit

neriod so that his exposure to

the smaller company is limit-

ed. Ideally, he will try to

require cash on delivery. Sec-

ond, he will try to get current

credit reports from credit rat-

If this is the case, why do

of a small company.

will not have direct control ai. Of course, the shareholders over the running of the business. Indeed, shareholders may see themselves only as investors who have no wish to be involved in the business's

Conversely, management may see shareholders as an interest group which has to be managed. In such cases, the annual report and financial accounts will be the principal communication between management and shareholders, and the auditors play a critical role in validating the information supplied to shareholders.

For most smaller companies, the shareholders are also the management of the business. They will know how the business is progressing by virtue of their role in ensuring that it does progress. They can have whatever regular financial information they need simply by organising it.

In this environment, the role of auditors in validating the information available to

shareholders is at best margin-

limitation of liability. He may even require the provision of regular financial information. In the recession, creditors are increasingly using these steps. Reliance upon statutory accounts is not necessary to any

of these means of protecting a creditor's position. They all provide more protection for the creditor than the audit of the accounts. It is often said that one particular creditor needs an audit to be carried out. How could the Inland Revenue be satisfied that tax liabilities are being properly assessed without audits of smaller companies? Even here, the benefits of

he will insist on the business's

proprietors giving personal

audits of smaller companies is not clear. The Revenue appears able to assess tax liabilities for a large number of unincorporated businesses without the benefit of an audit. Some of these (eg accountancy partnerships) can be large. Their techniques for checking the reasonableness of returns could be just as effective if applied to smaller companies and not obviously more

In short, for many smaller companies the value of requiring an audit does not seem great for any of those with an interest: Inland Revenue, small creditors, major creditors and shareholders. If the value is not great, why insist

on the cost? The final argument used is that audit is the cost of limiting liability. Why so? It is not the case in many other countries. In the ICA's view, there is nothing achieved by a statu-tory requirement for the audit of smaller companies that could not be better achieved, at smaller cost, in other ways. If the requirement were moved, creditors could still reach agreement with companies for audits to be carried out, if they wished

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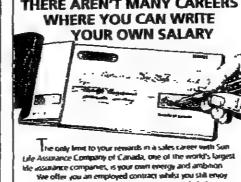
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Enforcement

questioned

From Mr A.W. Sansom Sir. Having read Robert Bruce's article on responses to the Cadbury committee's draft report (August 13), I wonder if he reads Accountancy Times. He states that "nobody has produced any substantial objection to its proposals" and argues that Cadbury's main flaw is the lack of any effective means to ensure compliance with its proposed Code of Practice.

May I refer him to my article Cadbury needs to hard-

en soft centres, 30 July. He will see that I too questioned the effectiveness of Cadbury's enforcement proposals, partic-ularly the role envisaged for the London Stock Exchange. I noted: "There is nothing

in its history to suggest that the Stock Exchange has the will to perform this function.

The exchange has long been able to use the weapon of delisting against recalcitrant companies but it has never Yours faithfully.

ANDREW SANSOM. Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. 29 Lincoln's Inn Fields.

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Other high fliers

From Dr C.J. Smith From Dr C.J. Smith
Sir, You may be interested to
learn that Price Waterhouse
are not the only Big Six accountancy firm to "fly high"
south of the equator (Business
Times, July 30) to commercialise airports and air traffic

control services. Nor are they necessarily the first to have done so. Coopers & Lybrand, in association with N M Rothschild, advised the New Zea land Treasury in 1987 on the establishment of the Airways Corporation of New Zealand. which is responsible for the provision of air traffic services. Since that time, we have

of assignments. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER J. SMITH, Air Transport Sector Leader, Coopers & Lybrand. Plumtree Court,

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SPORTS LETTERS

Unfair swings of opinion

From Miss Nadia Haque Sir, The 1992 Pakistan cricket tour has been marred by controversy, which has tarnished the integrity of the great sport itself. Aspersions cast on the honesty and fair play of the touring side have been outrageous, and it may be pertinent to recall some of the happenings of the past

Regarding the ball, during negotiations before the series even began, there was a difference of opinion over the type of ball that should be used. England wanted a ball with a thin seam. Pakistan preferred one with a thicker seam. Both balls are made in England and the thin-seamed ball was eventually used.

So, what of the incredible swinging of the ball once it was chosen, particularly the manoeuvrings of Pakistan's fast bowlers. Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram? It is interesting to note that when Wagar was swinging the ball for Surrey last year, there was no hint of any foul play, yet now, if any movement is seen, the ball has evidently been tampered with. As for Wasim. he has played for Lancashire for the past four years and has not once been involved in a similar dispute.

A second issue involved indiscipline. The entire touring team was branded after the incident at Old Trafford. Rather than putting it down to a provoked reaction (which I am not condoning), it was labelled as epitomising the fractious behaviour of the Pakistani team as a whole.

Maybe it is worth looking at what brought about the futore in first instance — a few bouncers bowled at a No. 11 batsman. Devon Malcolm may be short-sighted and the No. 11, but this did not pre-clude him from hitting a boundary off the spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed. It seems to me, however, that it is ridiculous to expect any player, at this level of the game, to receive special dispensation for such an unapparent

Finally, one must address the issue of umpiring, which is perhaps at the heart of the contention. Some distin-guished former England cricketers have implied that umpiring standards in Pakistan are so poor as to warrant teams not touring there. In the and run-out decisions this summer, the Pakistanis could argue the same about England. Why is neutral umpiring

by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a

such anatherna to the English cricketing establishment? Yours faithfully, NADIA HAQUE. 18 Uplands Park Road,

Enfield, Middlesex. From Mr Richard Burton Sir. Every cricketer must know that a ball polished on only

one side swings more than one left in its natural state. The full extent of this fact was illustrated to me as a boy in the nets at Lancing when the late Sam Jagger, then master-in-charge of cricket, produced a ball on which he used furniture polish on one side and sand paper on the other. My first delivery with it produced an our-

swinging wide by a yard.

Discussion on the subject must obviously be limited to what methods of polishing and roughening are legitimate. Sam's clearly were not. Yours faithfully.

RICHARD BURTON. Danmoor House, Heckfield, Basingstoke, Hampshire. From Mr John O'Keeffe

Sir. The problem of balltampering in Test cricket can be solved by following the example of the mother faced with two children who argue over who will have the bigger half of the banana. She decided that one child would be asked to cut the banana, knowing that the other would be given first choice of halves. The application to Test

cricket is easy. After, say, 50 overs of "working" on the new ball, the ball is given to the umpire for future use by the batting side, when they have bowled an equal number of overs. In return, the umpire gives the fielding side the ball that the batting side has worked on for 50 overs. In order to get this ball rolling. the umpires need to give the fielding side a suitable old ball after 50 overs of the first innings of the match.

J. O'KEEFFE, Overijsesteenweg 70, B-1560 Hoeilaart, Belgium.

Piggott misses out

From Mr John F. Martin Sir, Last week Lester Piggott won his third group one race this season, yet he was not shown in the jockeys' table (August 24) because he has perhaps from a lesser number of rides than other jockeys. is it not time that the jockeys' table listed perfor-mance by the total prize-money won? After all, that is

how many of golfers' rankings

JOHN F. MARTIN, 57 Tycehurst Hill, daytime telephone number. Loughton, Essex.

More pressure on defenders

(and, with the 1994 World Cup in the United States

This would at least deter

teams from resorting to the

long ball kicked over the back

four and would also remove

the ridiculous situation where

a successful sliding tackle, ending with the ball in the

goalkeeper's arms, is penalised, as in the Premier League

match at Southampton earlier

this week.

Yours faithfully,

CARSE,

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Tromode Park.

Douglas, Isle of Man.

From Mr S. Carse

Sir, As was inevitable, the new back-pass rule has made football even faster and more frenetic. Playing the ball across the back four as a prelude to a thoughtful move has totally disappeared. In-stead, defenders now treat the ball like a hot potato.

Expecting defenders to take risks by playing from defence is unreasonable. Moreover, since they are now always under pressure from opposing forwards, how are they ever to gain the confidence and the skills necessary for them to become more constructive?

The skill factor, however, is not only being reduced among defenders, for forwards have quickly realised that their through-passing no longer needs to be particularly accurate to cause problems.

If the rule is to be retained

unwise to put all its lobbying

efforts into extracting money

from the proposed national

lottery.

Already there are signs that

the claims of what the lottery

might generate have been

grossly exaggerated: the "El billion for good causes" line has been replaced by refer-ences to "hundreds of mil-

lions," and Mr Vaughan has

now come up with £285

million. What seemed a good

idea in the heat of a fevered

pre-election period now looks to be fraught with difficulties.

cash, sport would instead be well-advised to look at ways of

building on the arrangements

put in place in 1991 by the

pools companies, when they were encouraged by the gov-ernment to set up the Founda-

tion for Sport and the Arts,

rather than be trapped in the

snare of the national lottery.

Even with pools betting duty

at 37.5 per cent, the founda-

tion has been able to take in

over £62 million in its first

year, and it has allocated

virtually every penny to worth-

while projects in sports (other

If the government were

prepared to reduce pools bet-

ting duty further, and allow the pools business modestly to

expand by the removal of some of the restrictions im-

posed by legislation, it would be possible to enhance sub-stantially the amount of mon-

ey that goes to sport via the

foundation. The fact that pools betting duty raises over £310 million a year shows what

scope there is, but that would West Sussex.

than football) and arts.

In its search for additional

require a political decision that Better alternative sport deserves a higher priori-ty than schools, the health From Mr Richard Faulkner service, or other claimants for Sir, it is apparent from the defeatist tone of Denis Vaughan's letter (August 20) that the sports world would be public expenditure.

merit of keeping in existence an operation which employs over 6,500 people (nearly all in areas of high unemploy-ment), maintains the flow of £40 million a year to football, inflicts no damage whatever on the hundreds of charities and sports clubs which rely on small lotteries for their exis-tence (and which face decimation from a national lottery's introduction) and keeps intact long-established public policy which discourages the exces-sive stimulation and proliferation of gambling.

This approach has the great

Yours faithfully, RICHARD FAULKNER, Director, The Advisory Forum on Gambling, 7 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

Restoring beauty

From Mr Dennis Bird Sir, Michael Coleman (August 22) criticises the International Skating Union for changing the rules, so that music for free dancing "must have a rhythmic beat and a melody" and that various moves are now to be excluded, such as "pushing or pulling the partner by the boots or leg: standing, sitting or leaning on the partner's boots and legs; and lying on the ice."

Some of us think that the ISU is just trying to restore beauty of music and pure skating in place of cacophony Yours faithfully, 37 The Avenue, Shoreham-by-Sea,

approaching, it seems certain that it will, then at the very least it ought to be amended to exclude the situation where the back-passer is the first of his side to have possession of the ball, ie. where the ball has been intercepted or taken away from an opponent.

Fox in demand

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull seek funds to buy Fox

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ALL donations will be gratefully received by Hull, whose desperation to buy Deryck Fox, the Great Britain scrum half, now involves the rattling tin and appeals to the charitable nature of the business community on Humberside.

Representatives of more than 100 local firms were asked to give generously at the launch of the appeal last night. With a fund-raising target of £150,000, Hull hope to approach Featherston Rovers with a cash bid for the

player in the next fortnight. For a donation of £2,500 to the Fox Appeal, firms will receive a debenture holder package of two season tickets for three years and use of a private executive lounge at Huil's Boulevard ground.

They will also get a tie with a fox on it," Brian Johnson, the club secretary, said. He said that a sale of the player within three years would result in a refund to the donors.

Having rejected substantial offers by Halifax, Leeds and Bradford, the Hull appeal may be Featherstone's last profitable opportunity to sell Fox, 27, who has told the club he will not be playing for them in the second division.

Wigan are on the verge of signing an overseas replacement for Gene Miles, the Australian centre, after discussions with his countrymen, Mark McGaw and Andrew Farrar, Leigh have signed Stuart Pugsley from Whitehaven and have transfer listed Andy Rusne, at his request, at £25,000. in the Student World Cup.

Wales lost 35-7 to Australia. the hosts, in the semi-finals. They meet New Zealand in EQUESTRIANISM

Brilliant Beerbaum heads Derby field

By JENNY MACARTHUR

LUDGER Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic show jumping champion, heads the field for the Silk Cut Derby meeting which begins today at Douglas Bunn's Hickstead show ground in East Sussex.

Sixty-three riders from 11 countries are competing. The Silk Cut Derby, on Sunday afternoon, has a first prize of £35,000, a figure which re-flects the severity of the competition. Only 26 horses have achieved clear rounds over the 16-fence course since the event began in 1961.

Beerbaum, 28, is in devastating form. Last Sunday, two weeks after winning the Olympic gold medal on Classic Touch, the Bavarian won the Rotterdam grand prix with Almox Grand Plaisir.

This week he rides the nineyear-old Hoisteiner Almox third in the Derby at the first attempt. The pair's only mis-take was a hesitation at the top of the 10st 6in-drop off the Derby bank, which cost them three faults.

Henderson Monsanta, and Tina Cassan, with Treffer, the winner and runner-up last year, carry the main British hopes for the 32nd jumping Derby. Monsanta, who has

THE second successive an-

pearance of Cheltenham in

the under-15 club cricket

championship at Basingstoke

is a triumph for the Glouces-

tershire club's youth policy. The tournament, which is

specifically aimed at dub

cricketers, starts out with more

than 900 teams and they are

gradually whittled down to

county champions, who play

those from the neighbouring

county for a place in the

regional finals.
Cheltenham, last year's winners, also reached the

under-13 championship at

Sherborne. Edward Leverion,

the regional cricket develop-

ment officer for the southwest,

said that the standards are

been resting since his gallant. performance in Barcelona, was joint runner-up with Gillian Greenwood in 1988. and joint third with Whitaker in 1990 before going on to

win last year. Cassan, whose chances of becoming the first woman to win the event since Alison Dawes in 1973 were thwarted last year by half a time-fault, has kept Treffer specially for the Derby this year. Although their preparation has been interupted by "a few training problems", Cassan, 27, is

optimistic. "He's a very brave horse and that counts a lot on the Derby course," she said. Cassan will also ride Gene-

Athletico, who won the Silk Cut Tankard last year and was Michael Whitaker, with

sis, who was short-listed for the Olympic Games, in the Derby Trial tomorrow, the qualifying class for the Derby.

John Whitaker, the winner in 1983 on Ryan's Son, is riding the on-form Henderson Gammon, the winner of the Masters at Millstreet in Ireland last week.

He is less confident about his second entry. Henderson Hopscotch, the winner of the Millstreet Derby in 1991. "He had a bit of a fright at Hickstead last year when he caught a foot at the top of the bank and came down on his knee,".'. Whitaker said

He had hoped to give him a confidence boosting round in the Millstreet Derby last week, but Hopscotch took exception to the new look bank and was

Other leading contenders this weekend include Nick Skelton, who has won the event three times, with Everest Limited Edition, Joe Turi, with his 1990 winner, Vital, and Robert Splaine, of Ire-land, on Heather Blaze, who was the winner of this year's Milistreet Derby.

David Broome, who had not originally planned to com-pete, has changed his mind after finishing sixth with

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SCHOOLS CRICKET

Cheltenham on good wicket

By Chris Dighton

'It's a bit like when the village tournament started. people expected the teams to turn up in straw hats and braces but there is none of that with these schoolboy cricketers who dress and play the part,". "The clubs can resp the

benefits of their youth policy in

One real prospect is Ben Hansford, of Chelmsford, who scored 40 in the 30-run victory over South Devon, which ensured the place in the Schools under-15 player.
Cheltenham play in the Western league, which they have won three times, and last

year celebrated their centenathe third and fourth place improving in youth cricket ry. The other finalists were play-off. England and Scotland will dispute the fifth and sixth places.

Individual county scouts are spendion, from Derbyshire, always on the lookout for players.

Beverly, in Kent, and Wolver-hampton, of Staffordshire.

Result: Contaming 122-7 best Sweeter circuit.

Beverly, in Kent, and Wolver-hampton 100-6 by four wickets.

Hansford lived up to his reputation in the first of the 20-over semi-finals yesterday when he produced a devastit ing spell of bowling, taking four wickets in 14 deliveries and conceding just one run n the process. His efforts teduced Beverley to a total of 19 all out as they chased Cheiten ham's 122 for seven.

In the other semi-fins Spondon were set a target of 109 and reached it for the loss of six wickets, finishing at 1 10 for six.

The tournament is sponsored by SunLife, of Canada, who celebrate their centenary next season and will mark that with a comprehensive research project into the facilities

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Foolish Heart to relish longer trip

FOOLISH Heart, with Michael Roberts in the saddle, looks capable of winning the Cranleigh Stakes at Lingfield today.

Trained at Newmarket by Neil Graham, who first sprang to prominence five years ago when he temporarily held the licence at West Ilsley while Dick Hern was convalescing, Foolish Heart has finished in the first two in all

her races. Either side of winning a race for maidens on the allweather track at Southwell. where she was also partnered by Roberts, Foolish Heart has been runner-up twice to that useful filly Marillette, initially on her debut at Wolverhamp-ton and later at Goodwood, where she succumbed by only half-a-length.

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3.00 Aremel

2.00 Nobby Barnes.

3.30 Foolish Heart.

4.00 Fairy Story.

2.30 The Last Empress.

Judged on the way that she stuck to her guns and ran on in the closing stages of that holy-contested race over seven furlongs, Foolish Heart will-relish the longer distance of today's race and, at a difference of 5lb, she is preferred now to Known Approach, who has also been a victim of Marillette this summer after winning at Salisbury.

Last time out though. Known Approach only man-aged to beat one at Goodwood, albeit in the group three Lanson Champagne Stakes.

Rapporteur, who has be-come a great favourite with those who race regularly at Lingfield since he has now won 13 times there - ten of those being on the Equitrack - returns to his happy hunt-

THUNDERER

3.00 Pelorus.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.00 Repporteur, 4.00 EMBANKMENT (nep);

DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST (TURF); LOW NUMBERS BEST (ALL-WEATHER)

(6) 55 ALBERT THE BOLD 453 (E) (Miss J Sample) Mich L Piggitt 9-0 L Delited (3) 0-6 SOLD BLADE 128 (P Locaba) W Gellaws 9-0 R Cockmon (2) 000030 GRAMO FELLOW 45 (M) (Mass G Factures) J Retiral 9-9 A Mismo (5) 40 MARCLEF 43 (C Times) O Congress 9-0 Retiral 9-9 Delited (7) S22233 NORBY BANKES 8 (Royel Horny Kong Joshy Chich R Assessing 9-0 L Piggitt (1) 2225 DOUBLE SNIFT 38 (K Miscoen) J Waller 9-9 Delite Glasson (4) S00 NOBST GOWN 9 (B) (B Egilick) Miss G Nothmany 8-9 Gay Kellstoop

BETTING: 6-4 Double Shill, 15-6 Mobby Barnes, 9-2 Gold Starm, 6-7 Albert The Bold, 8-1 Hardill, 14-1 Stand Fellow, 25-1 Mold Goue.

1991; MAHSUL 9-0 W Careon (9-1) C Bensised 13 am

ALBERT THE SOLD 9'41 Stb of 9 to Power Lake in Lingsled (CR, good to firm) residen. GOLD BLADE 1781 6tb of 15 to Majoror in Waterick (Ton. good to soft) maiden.

GRAND FELLOW 4'41 3rd of 7 in maiden over course and closurce on penulticasis stag.

HARCLEF put up better of two efforts when 1441 4th of 9 to Tear's Designt in claimer here (AW, 1rm). MOSBY BLANCES 1943 3rd of 14 to Yammouth (71, good) bendiago, DOUBLE SHETT 1'41 5th of 10 to Saudey Silks in Buth CR, good to soft) maiden.

2.30 ARDINGLY SELLING STAKES (£2,553: 2m) (9 runners)

(6) 5480-00 JOKERS PATCH 8 (F.S.) (7) Lenned W Williams 54-13.
(7) C-000345 POMMARAN 24 (8) (Mrs & Desboy) A Desboy 4-9-9.
(4) WRITCH ARRESHENT 944 (R Psecock) R Psecock 4-9-9.
(5) 1154-41 THE LAST EMPRESS 82 (CD,F.G.) (R Hester) P Code 4-9-8.
(5) 00 SOFT VERISS 28 (P Code) W Carter 44-4.
(6) 00-1022 GHOSTLY GLOW 24 (V,F.) (R Besseon) C C Bessy 3-8-12.
(7) 00-1023 KATE 60/NALE 20 (Pye Somatione Resides Chris M Plast 3-4-4.
(8) 00-1055 MAKE ME PROUNT 9 (8) (Dr C L) R Arrestong 3-8-4.
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CAMMY CHROMICLE 11 3rd of 22 to Hearoglyphic at Dencaster (1m 41 good to soft), PELORES 157 3rd to Anack Krootz at Boodhood (1m 20).

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3.00 NICHOLSON, GRAHAM & JONES HANDICAP

(£3,021: 1m 3f 106yd) (9 nunners)

Long handicap: Doctor's Remedy 6-10.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Nobby Barnes.

3.00 Sword Master. 3.30 FOOLISH HEART (nap). Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 JORDYWRATH.

GOING: GOOD (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER)

2.00 SANDERSTEAD MAIDER STAKES

(All-weather: 3-Y-0; £2,217: 71) (7 runners)

200 Gold Blade.

2.30 Kate Royale.

4.00 EMBANKMENT (nap).

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4.30 Miss Movie World.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

ing ground, following a break lasting the better part of 25 weeks, to contest the Nicholson. Graham and Jones

Handicap on the grass track.

After such a long break it must be wondered whether he will be sharp enough here to cope with either Pelorus or In order to fancy Pelorus, one need only refer to his latest

run at Goodwood where he was such a sound third in the Chesterfield Cup.

To justify a wager on Aremef though it is necessary to delve back further in the first leg in the shape of Nobby Barnes in the Sander-stead Maiden Stakes and his form book to those good

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3.30 CRANLEIGH STAKES (Alt-weether: 2-Y-O: £2,736: 1m) (8 numbers)

2 (5) 212. FOOLISH HEART 25 (R Besettint) N Galleon 8-13. M Rebetts (B) 7) 000 BALLISTRADE 60Y 40, Gethers 9 Severe 8-13. M Rebetts (B) 3 (7) 000 BALLISTRADE 60Y 40, Gethers) 9 Severe 8-11. M Tebbust 4 (1) 30 DHANFRAN 35 (F Salmas) P Cole 8-11. A Meant 74 (5) (2) 8 EARLY TO RISE 40 (R Green) C Open 6-11. D Biggs — 8 1(4) 500 KHL THE PLASUE 73 (8) (Ms A STATA) A Joset 8-11. M Adesson 8-7 (20) 6834-29. POLY VISION 6 (Since 5 Roll Correstors LID) M Classoon 8-11. Pat Scidney 75 8 (3) 650 MY MSSS MOLLY 13 (K Monocoll) Miss G Kelleony 8-6. Say Kelleonsy — SETTING: 6-11 Foolish Heart, 15-6 Severe Approach, 8-1 Ohahran, 10-1 Poly Vision, 12-1 Early To Rice, 14-1 My Males Mally, 20-1 KBI Tax Piggse, 33-1 Ballistants Boy.

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4.00 TOMBRIDGE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,658: 71) (14 runners)

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844 DON'T JUMP 28 (bit Teophies Resing) M Template 9-5 P Roberts 9

448 JURSALM 82 (A Ward) W Carter 8-11 Paul Eddory 8

5825 TRANDLEY WOOD 29 (Mrs E Vestoy) & Prinched-Goden 9-9 M Cockrese 8

5105 PREMIUM 12 (8,6) (Samel Velley Lic) W Heigens 8-8 P Eddory 8

420 PRIAL ROOTHER 47 (A Spence) R Alesbest 8-5 F Horizo (3) 8

68223 MR BUTCH 8 (B Heridge) M Charles 8-5 F Horizo (3) 8

68225 MR SUTCH 8 (B Heridge) M Charles 8-2 T Opin 8

452 PARY STURY 19 (Fally Stey Pattership) J With 8-2 R Hills 8

63125 WISHING CAP 17 (D.BE.) (Phracks Bucking Stabily M Present 8-1 S Deffield 9

6022406 MR NEVERHARD 17 (K Higsen) 8 Levis 7-10 D Biggs 9

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1991; MISS DOODY B-3 Paul Edday (5-1) M Classon 10 cm

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(2) 410014 LFFEY RAVER 13 (E.D.F.G) (Alex H Hissathich) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-8 L Piggott
(8) 025255 THE SHANAHAM BAY 13 (V.D.F.S) Mrs II Manadery 7-9-8 S D Williams (5)
(7) 010004 ONE MASIC MOMENT 12 (V.D.F.S) Mrs II Manadery 7-9-8 D Biggs
(9) 500000 EVER SO ARTISTIC 60 (C.B.) (Alex G Wasse) P Kembry 5-9-10 L Debtod
(5) 100-000 5000FLS 18 (D.F.) (Alex M Teverthant) W 6 M Tever 4-8-9 T Syrahe
(7) 325015 INSMINISER 22 (C.D.) (M. Mightens) W Wightens 6-8-7 J Williams
(6) 640000 CROSKS OMALITY 9 (B.C.D.F.G.S) (P Simpson) D Jamy 9-8-6 S Deverson
(7) 134282 Mrs SS MOME WORLD 17 (S) (S Johnson) N Byroll 3-8-5 A Memory
(10) 055535 MY RIEY RING 13 (D.F.) (Mrs M Wischards) D Laing 5-8-5 T Williams
RIES 9-4 Mrs Mark World, 11-4 Inco Double, 4-1 Libry River, 13-2 One Major Mormani, 9-1 Incoming

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1991: NAZARE BLUE 4-8-3 N Home (13-2) Mrs B Wining 13 mm

IMICO DOUBLE is 2nd of 12 to The Drawn Maker in Sociaves (AW, 5) appreciate handcap with The Sociaves (AW, 5) appreciate handcap with The SHAMAPAN BAY (4th better off) 4th 5th card Care in Sociaves (AW, 5) handcap as penaltimen start. MSS MOVIE WORLD at his 2nd of 7 to Following (5, good) handcap with MY RUBY ROUGH Thinks (8) good and Fright Rough Roug

COURSE SPECIALISTS.

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4.30 PENDURY HANDICAP (All-weather: £2,469: 6f.) (11 runners)

128 KNOWN APPROACH 28 (F) (C Heath) P Cale 9-4: 212 FOOLISH HEART 28 (R Basesson) N Gestion 8-13...

seconds to Sheriffmuir and Viardot at Doncaster and Haydock respectively, after he had beaten Rajai at Leicester. Pembury Handicap.

At Edinburgh, Thornton
Gate is napped to win the
Edmonds Handicap in the
belief that he is ideally drawn Aremef was clearly not himself last time out. However, after a rest which will have

in stall No 14 to make telling

use of his proven ability to lead

ail the way.

On a track as sharp as Edinburgh those drawn high of himself again.

Fairy Story, who was a creditable second to the promising Royal Diva at Redcar have a decided advantage in last time, looks the answer to races over seven furlongs since they are near the rails. the puzzle posed by the

freshened him up, he can be

fancied to give a good account

Tonbridge Nursery.
Otherwise, a first-and-last Thornton Gate made all the running when he won his last race double for Lester Piggott should be the highlight on the Surrey track with his brotherrace at Ayr and at Thirsk before that, and I maintain that he will prove hard to catch in-law, Robert Armstrong, supplying the ammunition for again today now that he has also shown that he clearly responds to the pair of blink ers that he will be wearing again this afternoon.

Redcar

Going: good
2.D0 (61 S3.080) 1, FLASHYS SON (A
Lakeman, 11-4 lav); 2, Almasa (S Davies, S1); 3, Sobse Gueat (S Pomit, 1-5-2), ALS
RAN: 7 Prince Bellon, Arc Lamp (SP), 8
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21.90, 21.90, 52.70, DF: 52.80, CSF216.21, Thosas: 284.69.

\$16.21. Tricest: \$24.69.
2.30 (Im \$1.135yd) 1, EXPANSIONIST (W Ryen, 11-4 fav); 2. Cov Tel Lady (P Ribbinson, 10-1); 3, Silver Semural (A Carth, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Grouse-N-Heather (4th), 9-2 Suzz Canal (6th), 6 Magic Secret (5th), 35 Jouche Shenry, 50 Topolitics, 50 Arr News, Izladworth, 65 Denoing Days, 100 Gray Realm, 150 Magdelerie Heights. 13 ran. Sh hd, 134, hd, 31, kl. 5 Woods et Newmarket. Tota: \$2,70: £2.10,

51.70. OF: £23.90. CSF: £27.36.
3.00 (7) 1, THEWAARI (B Raymond, 14-1); 3. Balkad Danoer (B Baxter, 10-1); ALSO RAN: 4 lav Amazing Feat, 6 Shake Town, 8 Gymcak Tycoon (4th), 8 La Bamba (6th), 10 Northern Spark (6th), 12 Annabelle Royale, 12 Act Of Linion, Glenstal Process, 14 Super Benz, Young Valentine, 25 Long Lane Lady, Quiet Victory, 15 ran. 18, rik, sh hd, 94, ah hd, A Scott at Newmarkst, Tota. £15.10; CS.80, £2.80, £3.80. DF: £58.50. CSF: £134.47. Tricest £1,222.40.
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3.30 (Im 31) 1, SINCLARI LAD (W Ryan, 15-2); 2, Retender (J Weaver, 6-4 fay); 3, Friest Bid (J Farming, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Frequency or the season of t

E72.58.
4.00 (5): 1, SHELA'S SECRET (K Darley, 4-1 faul; 2, Trevorsninepoints (G Barchvel, 5-1); 3, Hoteria (A Culhans, 6-1), ALSO RAN; 5 Make R Happen, 9 Field Of Vision (4th), 12 Shedow Jury, Coconut Johnny, Adsandate Disenond (5th), 16 Dream A Bit (8th), 20 El Guspo, 33 Whisperdeles, 11 ran, 1, 3t, 1, 11, 194. W Carter at Epsom. Tota, 52.80; 51.50, 17.50, 51.70, DT: 53.70.
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4.30 (1m) 1, HOME FROM THE HILL (M. HIBL, 6-1); 2, Persian Chemner (A. McGione, 11-2); 3, Fort Velly (G. Broter, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 tax Olivach (8th), 5. Keep Your Distances, 10 Lime River, Romelito (4th), 20 Etzia, 25 Aberlemno, Stavie's Wonder (5th), 33 Desert Laughter, Simply Supert, 50 Pendering, Wild Expression, Wrightmil, 100 Mitramen's Bay. 16 zan. 34, 33, hd, 2th, M. Sof at Newmenkal. Tota: \$24.00; \$1.80.
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ALSO RAN: 12 Leave A Kes (4th), 20 Villiants (6th), Lidoma (8th), 50 Melzets, 100 Generous Ben, Ses Syrah, Candersta. 10 ran. 174, 14, sh hd, 14, 51. Curriani at Newmarkst. Tota: £1.50; £1.10, £1.40, 51.20. DF: £4.50. CSF. £5. 51.51.

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3.15 (71 214yd) 1. ANATROCCOLO (L. Dettori, 13-2; Richard Evans nap); 2. Sesside Ministral (W. Carson, 11-2 lay); Broad Appeal (G. Duffield, 9-1); 4. Break-dancer (R. Perisan, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Allimac Nomis, Predious Af (Str), 12 Genuine Lady, 14 Moving Force, Limore Dencer, 20 Chine Sky, Moving Force, 25 Suriey Sparide, Two Birds, Golden Proposal, Bounder Rowe (f). 18 ran.NP: Bethshebs Everdens, Sh. hd, hd, 2, hd, 134. R Bennett at Maidenhisert, Tote, 265.50; £1.49, £1.40, £1.40, £2.60, £3.30. DF: £5.70. CSF: £42.31. Tnosst; £301.45. No bid. 3.45 (6f 209yd) 1, CONISTON LAKE (B)

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3.45 (af 209yd) 1, CONSTON LAKE (B Rouse, 16-1); 2. Ambitallishtet (G Carter, 9-1); 3, Sure Shot Norman (J Tate, 8-1); 4, Old Comrades (T Rogers, 12-1). ALSO RAN, 7 J.-4av Addris, Juversza, 10 Printos Ot Derkness, Dancing Beau, Rock Band (RE) (8th), 12 La Kormesse, Grey Charmer, Susanna's Seores, 14 Charmed Knave (Sth), 16 Caromish, Ton's Apache, 20 Astern, Restore, 17 ran, NR' Feynsz, VI, 294, 34, sh hd, sh hd, G Lews at Eposm. Tota: £52.20; £10.90, £170, £2.20, £3.90. DF £148.50. CSF: £153.84. Theast: £1,151.42.

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Eddery has further title setback as appeal fails

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

PAT Eddery's slim hopes of catching Michael Roberts in the jockeys' championship were effectively ended yester-day when he lost his appeal against a five-day riding ban.

The suspension was imposed by the York stewards at last week's Ebor meeting fol-lowed his riding of Silver Wizard in the Scottish Equita-ble Gimcrack Stakes when the champion jockey went for a virtually non-existent gap be-tween Splendent, the winner, and Green's Bid, both trained

by Paul Cole. The Jockey Club's disciplin-

Piers Bengough, viewed re-cordings of the race and heard evidence from Richard Quinn, rider of Green's Bid. and Alan Munro. Splendent's

jockey.
Sir Piers, together with Judy
Thompson and Anthony
Mildmay-White, decided Silver Wisp had interfered with both Green's Bid and Splendent due to careless riding by Eddery. Geoff Lewis, trainer of Sil-

Eddery, the nine times

ver Wisp, also failed in his appeal against the demotion of his horse from second to

champion jockey, emerged from the Portman Square hearing to say: "! am not pleased by this result. I was not worried about the jockeys' championship when I came here. All I was worried about was the verdict of the

Lewis added: "Obviously we are not happy but there is nothing we can do other than to accept it."

Eddery, who is trailing Rob-erts by 22 winners, has now missed 18 days through sus-

pension this season. On April 24 the Sandown stewards imposed a four-day ban on him for careless riding on Modernise. Eddery re-ceived a further four-day suspension on May 10 for careless riding on Rainbow Corner in the French 2.000 Guineas

The Sandown stewards handed out a five-day ban on July 15 after finding the champion jockey guilty of improper use of the whip on Kandy Secret.

Eddery will miss the bank holiday meetings as his latest ban begins tomorrow. However, the stewards de-

cided to return the denosits of

Leger attracts just 13 Ten went to post last year

ANOTHER small field looks certain for the Coalite St Leger at Doncaster on September

Just 13 horses stood their ground at yesterday's latest forfeit stage for the final classic of the season - 53 were taken out, including ten trained by

Henry Cecil. There is a supplementary stage, which could see more runners, but it looks as though the tradition of a small field when Toulon was victorious, the biggest field for seven Cecil's hopes rest with Allegan, likely to have his prep

race in the March Stakes at Goodwood on Saturday. Other Leger possibles Anchorite, Rain Rider and Sun Seeker could be in opposition there. ACCEPTORS: Allegan, Anchorite, Assessor, Borny Scot, Landowner, Mack The Krille, Partnership, Rain Filder, Shusalisan, Sonus, Sun Seeker, Young Freeman, lyarma.

Loder begins training career from historic Sefton Lodge

By RICHARD EVANS

DAVID Loder, right-hand man to Geoff Wragg for the past four seasons, will train in his own right at Sefton Lodge in Newmarket from next month.

The historic Bury Road yard, built in the nineteenth century for Stanhope Joel and owned more recently by the St George family, has housed horses for the past six years under the eye of Henry Cecil, nine times champion trainer. The decision by Loder to

split with Wragg and begin his own training career fol-lows a memorable two seasons for the Abington Place

Last year, the number of winners sent out doubled to more than 50 from 60 horses. A similar winning rate has been maintained this season, headed by the brilliant and brave exploits of Marting. The winner of the Irish 1,000 Guineas, Coronation and Sussex Stakes is owned by Edmund Loder, David's cousin. The stable also enjoyed

umprecedented success at Royal Ascot, with 11 of its 13 runners winning or being

placed. The successful run has marked Loder out as one of the most able assistant trainers around and prompted him, at the age of 28, to go it alone, despite the tough time

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be a racehorse trainer since the age of eight, hopes to send out runners this season. He is signing a three-year lease on Sefton Lodge and moves in on September 25.

He would not be drawn on the possibility of support from the Maktoum family. but said that Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Shaikh Mohammed, had been "most helpful and encouraging in recent weeks and I am exceedingly grateful."

Loder recently attended the Keeneland sales at the request of the Shaikh Moham-

He added: "A number of people have said they will support me, but obviously I

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racing has suffered recently. Loder, who has wanted to the 40 hoxes."



Loder: happy times with Wragg team

will be looking for more owners so I can hopefully fill

Apart from two years spent working for a merchant bank in the City, Loder has been involved with horses ever since leaving Eton. After time with Mark Prescott, he worked with Jonathan Sheppard in the United States. He joined Wragg in Janu-

ary 1989 and reflected yesterday: "I have had four marvellous seasons with Geoff but there comes a time when you feel it is right to move on and the opportunity to train at Sefton Lodge is too good to turn down. "I will be sorry to leave such

a successful team at Abington Place. It has been fantastic working with such top-class horses and to gain so much

experience."

Sefton Lodge had been on the market for £2 million following the death of Charles St George earlier this year, but the depressed state of the property and racing market has prompted the decision to rent out the yard.

Cecil said yesterday: "You have to start training sometime and I wish David the best of luck." The unanswered question

concerned the future of Marling. Edmund Loder has not decided whether his prize filly will stay in training next year and, if so, where.

THUNDERER 2.10 Miss Vaxette. 2.10 Catherines Well. 2.40 Stingray City. 3.10 Racing Telegraph. 3.40 THORNTON GATE (nap). 2.40 Stingray City. 3.10 Principal Player. 3.40 Thornton Gate.

4.10 Milton Rooms. 4.40 Mingus. RICHARD EVANS: 4.10 Arifi. DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST, 2.10 PERGODA APPRENTICE HANDICAP (\$2,380: 5f) (12 curners) BETTING: 4-1 Mcs Vande, 9-2 Catamines Web, 6-1 Best Short, Languarian, 8-1 The Right Time, 10-1 others. 1991: NO COPRESPONDING MEETING

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3.40 EDMONDS HANDICAP (£2,860: 7f 15yd) (16 juniers)

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T Orden
K Darley
K Fallon
N Corrector 44.4 21.6 17.5 15.0 14.8 12.0 ☐ Appremice David Harrison the intended jockey, Richard Quinn, missed the mount

yesterday. Bounder Rowe was giving evidence at Par a spare ride for Harrison as Eddery's appeal.

4.10 GALLIPOLI MAIDEN CLAIRING STAKES (3-Y-0 colts & geldings: £2,291: 1m 16yd) (6 runners)

suffered concussion when Bounder Rowe fell in the Bounder Rowe fell in the after being delayed at the Selling Handicap at Brighton Jockey Club in London while

hurdies course)
5.30 (2m 11 10 yd hde) 1, Moor Lodge (5 5mith Ecoks, 4-5 lav); 2, Copy (ame (12-1); 3, Royal Prort (8-1), 12 ren. 12l, 10l. M Templeons Toter £1.90; £1.20, £2.60; £1.00, £2.60; £1.50, 6.00 (2m 11 110 yd hdie) 1, Glencommon (M McFarland, 6-1); 2, Padiord (5-2 fav), 3, Arthurs Stone (8-2), 13 ren. NR: Jurist, Gordeno. 51, 31, R Beiter Toter £7.70, £2.00; £1.60, £2.40. DF: £16.40. CSF. £21.78. Tricast £72.24. Redcar loses final race THE last race at Redcar was abandoned yesterday after it was decided that the ground

safe for racing.
A number of jockeys seemed to have a narrow escape as at least one runner lost his footing on the rain-loosened ground, starting a domino effect of hampered and unbalarreed horses.

around the home turn was not

The race was won by Sinclair Lad who made late ground from the outside to collar the favourite Retender close home. Telephone Of a South of South

2.20 Simone's Son. 2.50 Wind Force. 3.20 Tidebo. 3.50 Radar Knight. 4.20 Burnet. 4.50 Winabuck. 2.20 HARTLEBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,696; 2m 2f) (15 runners) 11-4 Augels Kiss, 100-30 Simone's Sov. 4-1 Sty Prospect, 7-1 Flighty Guest, 8-1 Castleacre, 10-1 Cold Martile, Ferrycale, 16-1 Sca's Lady, 20-1 others.

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2.20 Angels Kiss. 2.50 Wind Force. 3.20 Love Anew. 3.50 Travail Temporaire. 4.20 Burnet. 4.50 Winabuck.

2.50 REDDITCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,165: 2m 4f 110yd) (8) 3 P-64 KARIMATAK 19 (CD.F.) Mis P Juynes 11-10-11 ___ D Britgmater 4 816 __ MARSH ANDER 264 62.F.B. D Bandole 13-10-7 __ D Mando (S) 5 4P-4 TILDEN PARK 28 (D.S.) P Berein 6-10-3 __ CD.F. SOLAR GLOUD 118 (C.D.F.R.S.) M Charles 10-10-3 10-11 Wind Force, 5-1 Orchipadro, 13-2 Royle Speedmaster, 7-1 Solar Clead, 10-1 Titolen Park, 14-1 Marshipader, 20-1 Karratak, 25-1 Prince Killsops.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Pipe, 46 velocers from 116 rancers, 39.7%; 0 Sharwood, 16 from 55, 29.1%; P Hobbs, 13 from 70, 18,6%, N Tretsco-Decis; 5 from 27, 18.5%; G Richards, 3 from 19, 15.5%; J Wather, 7 from 52, 13.5%.

3.20 DROITWICH HANDICAP CHASE 9-4 Tikiebo, 7-2 Ptas Mosey, 5-1 Love Assar, 11-2 Gress Island, 7-1 Broad Beam, 10-1 Air Commande, 15-1 Tally Jones, 25-1 Brondola. 3.50 WYCHAVON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,305: 2m 5i 110yd) (7) 1 DID IT MY WAY 6 Peter-Hobbyo 7-11-0. 2 /4P- TRAVAIL TEMPORAIRE 299 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0. 3 463- RADAR KINGHT SF R Benote 4-10-11 Lec O'Here (7)
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13-8 War Beat, 100-30 Ratin Viright, 4-1 Travall Yemporaire, 7-1 1 Did II My Woy,
16-1 Hare's Mary, 16-1 Marchoss, 20-1 Patits Armie. 4.20 ALCESTER NOVICES CHASE (£2,119: 2m 7f) (10) 2,119: 201 /1) (10)

1 3-11 BURNET 12 (C,F) T McGovern 7-11-18

1 12-2 BOLD CHOICE 17 (C,B;F,F,S) R Frost 6-11-0

3 0-4F BLITES-ESS 12 (B) R Wester 7-11-0

4 P.3P FERNORMIL 5 A James 8-11-0

5 -P54 MADORE WARRIOR 5 (P) K White 9-11-0

6 6039 MADORE DOUBLE UP 458 (F) P Hobbs 7-11-0

1 37-3 OLBERTANA 19 UF,F,G,S) P Beens 10-11-0

1 BSFP- THE HILDOLEBUCK 90 R Dicken 7-11-0

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10 000- MISS SHRICO 181 C Poptions 6-10-9 5-4 Burnet, 9-2 Bold Chalce, 5-1 Chintana, 6-1 Elline-Ess, 10-1 Mourne Warnor. 4-1 Fennontiff, 20-1 Muriga Double Up, 25-1 olbers.

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Blinkered first time LINGFIELD PARK: 200 Night Gown. 230 Romanian. 4.00 -Premium. Tavish, EDDNBURGH: 210 Uppance.

Mellottie 20-1 for repeat William Hill then bet: 22-1

MELLOTTIE was yesterday. installed joint favourite by the sponsors to land his second William Hill Cambridgshire Handicap on October 3. Mary Reveley's seven-yearold, a head winner over High

Colour Sergeant

Fermoy, High Premium, Revif, Sahel, 25-1 Charlo. Coniston Water, Dawashi, Dawning Street, Dress Sense, Duke of Eurolink, Grand Master, Imperial Ballet, Irek. Premium in last season's race, Legal View, Little Bean, Military Fashion, Two left Feet, Valley of Fire, Zalon. was bracketed on 20-1 with

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Remorseless Essex stride on towards another county title

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HOVE (first day of four, Essex won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 203 runs behind Sussex

WITH the aid of a lively pitch and an extraordinary tally of eight leg-before verdicts, Essex yesterday made remorseless progress towards another county championship. Their day was damaged by a broken finger for Nasser Hussain, but their greatest enemy over the next three days is likely to be the forecast grim weather, which had an introductory net session by taking 37 overs from this opening day.

Sussex who lost an impor-tant toss, declined before lunch from the comfort of 62 for one to a precarious 87 for five. At 130 for eight, they looked about to expire without a fight, but Peter Moores, a doughty character who has already taken a century off Essex at Southend this season. supervised the addition of 74 runs for the last two wickets.

Moores' 73, made in 130 minutes, was terminated by the fourth leg-before decision in Mark Ilott's five wickets. There were also two legbefore's for Topley and one each for Such and Gooch and it would be stretching a point to say that Sussex accepted them all with equinamity. Alan Wells, Smith, Speight

Derbyshire apologise to players

DERBYSHIRE yesterday apologised to two players who learnt they had been dismissed on a local radio station before they had been told by the club. The all-rounder, Steve Goldsmith, and the batsman, Andrew Brown, were said to be "furious and disgusted" at hearing the news announced on radio before Derbyshire had notified them that they were being

Goldsmith, who joined the county in 1988 after being released by Kent the previous year, said: "I am hurt and angry. After five years with the club. I had to hear I was getting the sack on the car

Derbyshire later issued a public and personal apology for what the club described as a "breakdown in communications" and launched an enquiry. The club is also releasing the seam bowler. Martin Jean-Jacques, who is having talks with Sussex

The Sussex secretary, Nigel Bett, said: "We've had an exploratory chat and hope he will join us. Jean-Jacques will give us the necessary back-up to our seam bowling."

The Sussex batsman, Robin

Hanley, is leaving the club by seam bowler. Alan Hansford, has decided not to pursue a career in first-class cricket. ☐ Warwickshire will meet Glamorgan in South Africa next April. Both counties will be involved in pre-season tours of the Republic and have agreed to play a one-day game at Worcester in the Cape wine-growing area on April 10.

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and Salisbury all departed wearing expressions somewhere between disgust and

Pitches at Hove this year have generally been slow but true, offering little to the bowlers. This is scheduled to be a four-day game, but Peter Eaton, the groundsman, left on more grass than usual and, due to the recent rains, the

surface also started damp. It was an obvious case for insertion and Stephenson, playing his first game for Sussex in three weeks, might have been more of a handful than any of the Essex bowlers had he been unleashed early on. The first ball of the game did not exactly show the stuff of champions. Pringle himbered up for his very gentle loosener and Smith's on-drive was fielded, stiffly, by Childs's outstretched boot at mid-on. Essex could only improve and, largely thanks to flott and Topley, so they did. Hall's lrg-before, against

Ilott, was one of the least contentious of the day, but after Lenham had been caught at short-leg, thrusting forward to the probing Topley, the finger was raised three times in 13 overs with the same, aggnered response on

Such, operating round the wicket to the left-handed

Smith, dismissed him with his second ball. Alan Wells was given out on the front foot and Speight, who had played the most assertive shots of the morning as well as being bowled by a no-ball from Pringle, plainly felt there was as much bat as pad in his A breezy interlude after

lunch, in which Colin Wells and Moores added 37 in four overs, only temporarily deflected Essex from their goal. flott, who is 22 today, removed Wells, Stephenson and Salisbury inside two overs, the last-named striding off with some baleful stares in the direction of umpire Peter Wight, who at this point had been responsible for five of the six leg-before decisions.

His partner, Ray Tolchard, claimed the last two, equalling the record for leg-before deci-sions in an English first-class innings. Neither Pigott nor Moores had cause for complaint and both had played a part in keeping Essex in the field longer than seemed

Pigott was out only after causing Hussain's retirement to hospital with a finger injured in the slips. Thereafter. Moore shielded the inept Giddins so skilfully that he made all the runs from the bat

Taylor as in focus as his captain

BY IVO TENNANT

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four: Northamptonshire won toss: Northamptonshire. with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 57 runs behind

THERE was also some cricket going on at Northampton yesterday, although it was not possible to glean that when a television crew was doggedly encroaching onto the ground pursuit of Allan Lamb. What was more, the county he still captains had one of itsfinest days of the season.

Alas for Lamb, other matters precluded much in the way of air time or newspaper space being given over to it. Choosing to field on the habitual green pitch here, he had only to switch his quicker bowlers around to have Middiesex 82 for seven before a lengthy stoppage and finally all out for 95.

Taylor, unsung and certain-ly under-rated, had the first ive Middlesex batsmen out by

Tall and whippy, he was also splendidly accurate. Roseberry spooned a catch to mid-on off one that stopped. Gatting received the ball of the innings, an in-swinging york-er that lifted his middle-stump out of the ground. It was the

When Haynes was leg be-

fore offering no shot to one that cut back at him, Taylor had taken three wickets in 18 balls. If the ability to bring the ball back into the batsman separates the genuine left-arm medium pacer from his workaday colleagues, Taylor has proved on other occasions this season" he has that very

neither forward nor back. Ramprakash looked to try to hit Taylor over the in-field and briefly succeeded before edging him to second slip, Kapel, who knocked up the ball for Ripley to take the catch. Then came the rain, which resulted in the loss of 43 overs.

Strangely, Taylor did not bowl again. If Middlesex had not been dismissed for their lowest championship total of the season, this would have been considered strange captaincy indeed. Northamptonshire, though, have endless bowlers well up to making the most of such conditions, Ambrose not least.

Upon resumption he had Emburey and Headley taken at the wicket, cutting the ball away. Brown, dropped by Lamb at slip on 13 — the television camera had withdrawn by now - made four more before Curran had him, too, caught behind and the tail

De Silva stakes claim for Test match place

Matara: Asoka de Silva, the Sri Lankan leg spinner, took four wickets against the Australians here yesterday which may earn him a recall to the Test side. The Australians struggled in reaching 204 for nine declared in their second innings against the Southern Province Combined XI and

the match was drawn. The Australians lost six wickets for 34 runs, pinned down by the accurate attack of De Silva and the off spinner, Ruwan Kalpage, but in the end held on comfortably. De Silva finished with four for 42 and Kalpage two for 47.

Resuming at their overnight total of 40 for two, the Australians declared with a lead of 352 and the game ended early with the Sri Lankan side 34

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for two. The Australians added 82

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runs in the morning for the loss of Dean Jones for six and Allan Border for 45. It was the Australian captain's highest score on the tour and he hit six fours in 100 minutes at the

David Boon, the other opener, was top-scorer with a painstaking 57 in 207 minutes; later in the innings Mark Waugh, a first-innings century-maker, and the wicker-keeper. Ian Healy, added 45 for the seventh wicket to hold the innings together.

SCORES: Australiens 312 for 9 dec (M E Waugh 118, 1 A Healy 78 not out, D Marryn 61; K Wijscursaverdens 4 for 58) and 204 for 9 dec (D C Boon 57, E A R de Situa 4 for 52); Sand 100 for 100 f Southern Province Combined XI 164 (M. hitney 4 for 34) and 34 for 2.

Bangalore Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council, fulfilled a dream yesterday when he visited the hospital here where he was born al-

most 60 years ago. "My 90-year-old mother will be delighted to see this one," he said after posing for a photograph at the gate of the Lady Curzon and Bowring

Sir Colin also drove to St Mark's cathedral, where he saw his birth and baptism Cowdrey, who later left for

Colombo, was in Bangalore as

a special guest at the Board of

Control for Cricket in India's

working committee meeting.

CANTERBURY (first day of four, Kent won toos): Gloucestenshire, with rate final-trainings wickets in hand, any 125 nuns behind Kent KENT: First lanings RENT: First lamings
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(OM (57.3 DAM) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-83, 3-87, 4-150, 5-152, 6-159, 7-160, 8-164, 9-183 SCWARG, Watch 23-6-50-5, General 9-2-69-1, Vaughan 44-3-35-2, Scott 7-0-30-7, Denies 2-0-80, Alleyre 12-4-26-1. G D Hodgen not out 22 R J Scot b McCages 14 M W Alens not out 31 Bares (rb 2) 2 GLOUCESTERSHIPE: First Innings

Carr went next, leg before LANCASHIRE's decision to any further games. The play- 41 before a lengthy break for either forward nor back, dismiss Alan Ormrod, the ers have now been invited to rain, after which the bowlers manager, and release their lunch on Sunday by the com- took control. Lewis did the mittee, a senior member of which confessed yesterday: "We have handled this whole

brought a premature close

with Gloucestershire 64 for

one. Remembering that this is

a four-day game, Kent, whose last seven wickets fell for 39

runs, hardly batted with the

necessary conviction for their

As in their previous match

at Northampton, on a similar

pitch, they could glean only

one bonus point on a worn-looking surface, which yielded

occasional bounce for the

Fowler to be denied farewell

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Benson, Taylor and Ward.

quicker men.

ambitions to be fulfilled.

By RICHARD STREETON

CANTERBURY (first day of

four; Kent won toss): Glouces-

nings wickets in hand, are 125

KENT, who retain an outside

chance of overhauling Essex.

the leaders, in the champion-

ship's home straight, were dismissed by tea for 189 in

67.3 overs yesterday after Courtney Walsh took five

wickets in a long, destructive spell. Bad light and rain

two senior players, Graeme Fowler and Paul Allott, is still

causing reverberations at Old

When they were told their

contracts were not being re-

newed, the players were asked if they wished to finish the

season. After consulting the

captain, Neil Fairbrother, they

decided to play on, with a view

to playing in the remaining

Sunday League matches and making their farewell appear-ances at Old Trafford this

Last week, however, they

were told by the acting man-

ager, David Hughes, that they

would not be considered for

Northants v Middx

NORTHAMPTON (flost day of four: North-amptonshire won toss). Northemptonshire, with case first-manga-wolcets in hand, are 57 runs behind Middlesser. MRDDLESEC First immigs

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Total (48.4 overs) 95 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-37, 4-55, 5-62, 6-68, 7-78, 8-87, 9-94.

BOMLING. Arthrose 13-5-24-2; Taylor 16-9-24-5, Capel 11-1-25-0; Curren 8.4-4-15-2.

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nons behind Kent

affair badly." It remains to be seen whether the members make their feelings known on Sunday. Meanwhile Ormrod is taking legal advice about whether to pursue a claim for wrongful

Nottinghamshire, who also caused a stir with the announcement of their plans to rebuild the side, fielded an inexperienced team, led by Mark Crawley, against Worcestershire at New Road yesterday. The home openers. Curtis and Seymour, put on

Warwicks v Glam

EDGBASTON (first day of lour; Warwickshite won toss). Glamorpan have scored 49 for one-wickel against Warwickshite GLAMORGAN: First Immige

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Sussex v Essex

SUBSEX: First lanings

Total (1 wkt. 22 overs)

early damage, but it was Afford who removed Hick for 41 as Worcestershire slipped to 116 for six.

the morning before Walsh, under leaden clouds.

launched into his telling spell.

Walsh bowled unchanged

throughout the afternoon and

claimed five for 27 in 16 overs.

It lifted his season's aggregate

to 80 wickets and this was the

seventh time this summer that

he has taken five or more in an

Martin Gerrard, a left-arm

seamer, playing in the first team for the first time since

April, soon had Kent suspi-cious of the conditions when

Close shave: Moores, the Sussex top scorer, survives a chance off the bowling of Pringle yesterday

Durham, who probably need to win two games to avoid finishing last in their inaugural season, had Hampshire, without Marshall and Udal, in some trouble at 87 for four at Darlington before the

Shoaib Mohammad, the fourth player to lead the Pakistan side this season, made an unbeaten 57 as the touring team reached 151 for five against a strong World XI in the opening match of the Scarborough Festival.

Walsh at his destructive best Benson in the fourth over Gerrard, 6ft 3in and slimly built, looked a promising bowler. He badly needs some help, though, with a long and

stuttery approach run, which

commences after he has

valked back 38 paces. For once Ward made a watchful start, but he and Taylor seemed in little trouble as they added 7.7 before they were out in quick succession. Both aimed loose-looking drives. Hooper and Cowdrey followed with a stand of 63 in the most confident batting seen all day, but once they were separated there was little further resistance

Walsh really dug a ball in gainst Cowdsey, who shaped to turn it to the leg side, but edged a catch to second slip. Hooper hooked a short ball from Alleyne and Walsh, at long leg did not have to move. Walsh continued to bowl with telling effectiveness and was spiendidly supported in the field Wright took a good catch at backward square-leg to dismiss Fleming and Han-cock held three at lorward short-leg. Six overs were lost to rain between the innings before Glouestershire made a poor start when Scott was beaten by pace in McCague's fourth over. Hodgson and Alleyne settled down to illus-

trate that there was not too much devilment in the pitch. The only chance Kent had to separate them came at 34 when Hodgson gave a hard, low chance to short-leg.

RUGBY UNION Tour plan a spur for the under-21s BY DAVED HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT FOLLOWING the broad international players to greater contact with the leading southern hemisphere countries, the Rugby Football Union is planning to send an England Under-21 side to Australia next July. Though details of the seven-match visit have not been finalised, such a tour would be a large attraction for players in the under-21 and stadent sector during

the coming season.

The Under-21s begin early by playing Italy in the curtainraiser to the match at Welford Road on September 5 between Leicester and an Eng-land XV, which celebrates 100 years of rugby at the Midland club's ground.

Richard Bramley, the Wakefield lock leads a XV including three over age players since the match squad is necessarily based on last sea-

Phil Urwin, a replacement for the Under-21s against Holland last May, has joined Blackheath. Urwin. a No. 8. will hope to appear alongside another former Blaydon player, Mickey Skinner, in a club side looking forward to its own

S Africans ready for World Cup

DESPITE a host of problems. the 1995 World Cup competition should still take place in South Africa, the World Cup in Wellington yesterday. The New Zealander said South Africa can do the job, although he said they would need help to iron out

problems.
Their isolation for the past 16 years means they haven't built up a team of volunteers like we had in New Zealand in 1987 and in Britain last year." Thomas said. "I'm in the process of producing a paper for them on infrastructure such as we had in the first two World Cups to give them an idea of what is required.

They haven't had the same experience we've had," he said. "The scale of what is necessary has taken some of them by surprise." "I don't think they realise at

present that thousands of

junior championship at Vught, Holland, yesterday after being trounced 7-1 by Germany (Sydney Friskin writes). The result means that the Germans finished on top of the group with maximum points from three matches. It was a sad result for Wales.

error to had

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who started on a promising note by drawing 4.4 with Spain but, on the following day, were held to a 1-1 draw by Czechoslovakia, the weakest team in the tournament. Yesterday's play began with Spain defeating Czechoslova-

kia 3-0 to make sure of their own place in the semi-finals with a total of only three points. Four years ago, at Santander, Spain won the bronze medal after a 2-1 victory over Holland. Germany defeated England 3-0 in the final

Scotland gained some consolation yesterday after two earlier defeats by beating Switzerland 5-3 to finish third in pool B. England and Holland qualified from this pool for the last four stage on Tuesday Today is the competition's rest day with the semifinals played tomorrow.

SCARBOROUGH (first day of fives; Pale "M P Maynerd, PA Cottey, DL Henro, RDB Croft, 1C P Meteon, SL Welkin, SD Thomas and M Frost to bet WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, R G Twose, D P Oebs. "T A Lloyd, D A Rece, T L Penney, P A Smith, 1K J Piper, A A Doseiti, G C Smail and T A Martion. Hypone J L Leven HOVE (first day of four: Easet won loss): Easet, with all first-innings wichels in hand, are 203 runs behing Sullies.

Taylor: five for 24

Festival match World XI v Pakistanis

DURHABLE W Ladins, G K Brown, P W G Pader, M P Briers, P Bernbridge, I Smith, †C W Scott, *CA Greeney, S P Hughes, 8.1 E Brown and S M McEven.

staria. won tose): Paldatanio Inive aco 151 for five victoda against a World XI PANOSTANIS: First Innings "Shoeb Mohammed not cut Americanio de Mohammed Indiana". Americanio de Mohammed Indiana Janid Fical Ipre b Benjamin Indexam u Firmanon b Steep Moham c Simmons b Steep Mohammed Indiana C Steep Thom (70 g. ph. 4) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-52, 3-62, 4-72, 5-87, 6-126, 7-130, 8-130, 9-172 Davies and M J General to ball people will come into the BOWLING. Princip 20-5-70-0; Rott 21-5-80-5: Koptey 17-4-48-3; Sept. 6-1-12-1; Stephenson 3-1-9-0; Gooch 2-0-4-1, country for a month and will need to be housed, moved and sorted out with efficiency." **FESSEX: First Innings Worcs v Notts** WORCESTER (first day of four. Nothingham-ahre won toes). Worcedeeshire have scored 116 for set wolcets against Nothinghamalane. WORCESTERSSHIPE. First Innings. "T S Curfa c Archer D Levies. 27 A C H Seymour c Levies D Cestra. 22 G A Hick o Bramhatt D Afford. 41 D A Leatherdate but b Levies. 0 D B D'Olberta b Lewis. 0 IS J Rhodes at Bearthatt b Afford. 65 S R Lemott not out. 5 Total (no wid, 1 over) 19 Picherol, N Hossein, J J B Lewis, 1M A Gernham, D R Pangle, T B Topley, M C floir, P M Such and J H Childs to ber. HOCKEY Extres (b) 2, nb 4) Total (5 wide) ... Reshid Lati, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aqib Javed and As-us-Rehmen to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-47, 3-47, 4-116, 5-128. Bonus points: Suetex 2, Essex 4, Umples: R C Tolcherd and P B Wight. Wales slump WORLD & PV Simmons, M J Greatbatch, "RB Richardson, G C Greenidge, Mudesser Nazar, D N Patel, RA Happer, P R Sieso, tA C Parone, W K M Benjardin and C Pringle. Unspires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbester. **Durham v Hants** to last place DARLINGTON first day of lour, Hempshire won toss): Hempshire have scored 87 to four wickets against Durham HAMPSHIRE: First limings Extras (b 4, db 3, w 1, nb 4) ____ 12 after defeat HAMPSHIPE TOO.
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James c Leriere b Brown
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A Smitr b McChem Holt Cup final FALL OF WICKETS, 1-46, 2-72, 3-72, 4-76, 5-108, 8-109 WALES dropped to last place in pool A of the European Devos v Staffs "M CJ Nicholes for b M J R Ayling not out Extres (b 5, w 2, nb 1) ... NOTTERESHAMINISTED W Randell, M Sanatay, G F R Pollerd, M A Canvilay, G F Archer, C & Lawis, C L Canns, 15 Bayarhasi, G W Miles, D B Pennett and J A Altond.
Borsus points: Wondesenshire 0, Not-linghamoshire 2.
Umpires: D J Constant and D O Quies. Total (4 wikts, 35 overs) A N Aymes, I J Turner, C A Cormor, K J Shore and R J Marry to bed. STAFFORDOLUME FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-70, 3-71, 4-71

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A J Dyer and N P Hackett did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-75, 3-127, 4-131, 5-138, 6-140, 7-192

BOWLING Donotrue, 11-1-48-3; Woodman 11-1-51-1; Davison 10-2-31-1; White 4-0-22-6; Tlemey 8-0-29-1; Allin 11-1-28-0.

Edran (b 1, lb 6, w 11, nb 1) .

Total (7 wide, 55 overs)

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R I Develor, G W White, J K Tierney, Descrize, AW Allen, M C Woodman S P Prichard to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-38.

No play yesterday

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancestine v Yorkships.

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Under 19 Test

Stres (b 2 w 5)

World No. 4 shows benefit of intensive practice

Sabatini makes winning return after 52 days off

Carlsbad, California: Gabriela Sabatini, in her first match since Wimbledon, Carlsbad, breezed past Kimberly Po 6-0. 6-0 in the second round of the Mazda Tennis Classic on Tuesday night

Sabatini, of Argentina, ranked No. 4 in the world, took just 45 minutes to dis-patch Po, who made 29 unforced errors in their 68-point match at La Costa Resort and

Though she did not serve any aces, Sabatini recorded 12 service winners while mixing steady ground strokes with well-placed shots out of Po's "I was very excited to play

again." Sabatini said. She had received a first-round bye. 'I'm happy with the match. I

think I played very well."
Sabatini took a 52-day
break, her longest since turning professional in 1985, after losing a Wimbledon semifinal to Steffi Graf. Much of her time off was spent practising. "I worked on my serve a lot, and my forehand, too," she said. "Mairdy, I'm trying

Jana Novoma, of Czechoslovakia, displayed the fastest service of the tournament so far in beating Catarina Lindqvist 6-3, 6-3. Many of Novotna's deliveries topped 100mph, including an ace in the third game of the opening set that was measured at 105mph, but she was forced to rely on her second service.

'My serve could be very good, but I wasn't very consis-tent," Novotna said. She ended the match with three, aces. This was my first match since the Olympics, so this wasn't bad overall

Lindqvist, of Sweden, had a break point with a chance to tie the score 3-3 in the second set but had a mis-hit. Later, Novotna prevailed on some extended rallies to clinch the

"It's very, very important not to give up at any stage." Novotna said. She gave credit to a training regimen by her coach, Hana Mandlikova, a US Open winner.

"I worked to get the ball it. It happened many times." Judith Wiesner beat Julie Halard, of France, 3-6, 7-6, 6-



Back in action: Sabatini made a flawless return to tournament play in California.

3. Wiesner, an Austrian ranked No. 22, held service to force a tie-break in the second set against Halard, who is ranked 21. In the third set, Wiesner broke a 3-3 deadlock to take control.

Monique Javier, of Britain, beat Kathy Rinaldi, of the United States, 6-4, 6-3. Rinaldi was a substitute for Jo Durie, who withdrew with a neck injury.

A series of strong passing shots and some winning placements helped Kimiko Date, of Japan, neutralise the serve and volley game of Pam Shriver. Date, ranked No. 24, defeated Shriver, ranked No. 33, 6-3, 6-3.

"Two years" ago, Imjust happened to heat her," Date said. "It was my first year on the tom. This time. I had a game plan, to hit good passing shots when she came to the net" (AP)

Lendl finds winning perfect pick-me-up

Commack, New York: Ivan Lendl needed only 56 minutes to eliminate Cristiano Caratti, of Italy, 6-1, 6-1, on Tuesday in the first round of the Hamlet Cup tournament, a tune up for the United States Open next week.

In other opening-round matches, Michael Chang held off Giantuca Pozzi, also Italian, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 and Boris Becker defeated Alberto Mancini, of Argentina, 6-3, 6-2. The inseeded Stefano Pescosolido, of Italy, upset the sixth seed, Sergi Bruguera, of

who has won this contest five times, said he was approach-

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cheltenham: Durham 200 (R C Williams 4-42), Gloucestershire 68-6 (J Wood 4-8), Policestone: Kent 335-7 68-6 (J Wood 4-9), Folkestone: Kent 385-7 dec (J Lenger 61, J I Longley 53, M A Eathern 51, N J Llong 82); Northernston-shire 2-0. Usic Glemorgan v Werwickshire, no play.

ing the US Open with more confidence. "I've had a muscle injury that reached from my groin to my hip and my back," he said. "It's getting better. I've won more matches this summer than I did all year." Against Caratti, Lendl

opened a 5-0 lead, conceding only seven points, and won the last four games of the match. giving up just eight points.
"I want to be at the level I was physically three years ago," he said. "One way to improve is to play and keep winning. Winning breeds

Becker, another trying to climb back, said: "I'm back on track but it takes time."

Caldwells taken to extra holes

BY A CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Caldwell, only 13 and with a handicap of 28. bought the curtain down on a day of surprises in the Burhill Family Foursomes on the Surrey course yesterday.

His delicate chip over a bunker at the 20th, after the longest match of the tournament so far, won the hole and put him and his mother, British international Carol Caldwell, into the last 16 after. a thrilling match with Janet and Timothy Beach.

Last year the Caldwells went through four rounds with Carol driving at the odd numbered holes. That was because she felt Richard might not be able to make some of the long carries from the back tees. But they reverted to the method accepted as the norm. with mother driving at the even holes, for this year's

The holders, Mavis and Richard Pollitt bowed out in the second round, unable to give nine strokes on handicap to their fellow Burhill members Sue and Timothy Hubbard. Out with them went the two Benka combinations. Pam, of Curtis Cup fame, and her son Mark, lost by 2 and 1 in the second round to the very experienced Sue Birley and her son Edward while Peter Benka, the Walker Cup player, and daughter Claire lost by the same margin in the third round against Norma and Marcus McDowell.

The McDowells were down after nine holes but square with three to play. Claire Benka missed a short putt at the 16th and they lost the next as well to a par figure.

☐ Trish Johnson, leader of the European Order of Merit, pulled out of the pro-am on the eve of the £90,000 1BM Open in Stockholm. The Bris-tol golfer had to withdraw from the du Maurier Classic in Canada two weeks ago when it was diagnosed that she was suffering from viral meningitis. "If I play too much I become very tired," the rest I will be all right for the four days of the tourna-

ment"

YACHTING

Deerstalker close on Little's heels in westerly gales

By Barry Pickthall

THE Harriepool Renaissance round Britain race was drawing to a finish last night as the south westerly gale continued to batter the remaining yachts

The conditions, however, are exactly what Mike Taylor-Jones and his crew on Deerstalker have wished for. Their veteran Sparkman and Stephens-designed 34 footer, one of the smallest yachts in the fleet, revels in strong head

Last night, her skipper re-ported an ETA off Cowes of 6am today — 37 minutes inside the deadline to beat Chris Little's larger yacht, Bounder, on handicap. As James Hatfield's handi-

capped crew of Whitbread race trainees struggled in early yesterday, bravely overcoming the steering problems that plagued their yacht, Dolphin, since leaving Hartlepool on

the final stage of this 1,860mile circumnavigation, news of another drama involving the rival crew of multiple scierosis suffers had begun to umfold.

Terence Wilson missed a hand hold while dimbing out on deck of their yacht, Multiple Challenge, late on Tuesday night and he fell back down the companion way, injuring his back.

The skipper, Nick Booth, headed for Dover, the nearest port, immediately, and there Wilson was transfered by ambulance to the Kent and Canterbury general hospital, where he was diagnosed as suffering from severe bruising. The yacht then rejoined the race and is expected to finish

at Cowes early today.

ROYAL (RISH YC: Leser 2 European Championships: Race four: 1, M Strew and D Machairana (Engl.; 2, Bloog and D Speers (tre): 3, T Fizzpanick and B O'Donoghue (tre) Overall: 1, M Strew and D Machairana

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kenyan out to erase Aouita time

Moses Kiptanui attacks Saīd Acuita's 5,000 metres world record of 12min 58.39sec in Brussels tonight, paced by William Mutwol, steeplechase bronze medal-winner at the Barcelona Olympics.

It would be the Kenyan's third world record in 12 days. He set marks for the 3.000 metres at Cologne on August 16 and for the 3,000 metres steeplechase at Zurich on August 19.

Eastern promise

Squash rackets: England's defence of the world junior men's team championship continued confidently in Hong Kong with a 3-0 win over Scotland in pool A of the qualifying rounds.

Witherspoon win

Boxing: The former world heavyweight champion, Tim Witherspoon, on Tuesday won

a 10-round unanimous points decision over Tony Willis at Atlantic City. On the same bill, the British-born heavyweight, Alex Stewart, stopped Mar-shall Tillman in the tenth

In the cooler

Ice hockey: National Hockey League officials have approved several rules changes aimed at curbing on-ice violence. The most significant will give the referee power to send off for the rest of the game a player he deems to have instigated a fight.

Ambitious Leeds

Swimming: Leeds will try for a record ninth victory at the Speedo national inter-league cup final at Crystal Palace, London, on September 13. The event will see Shiverers of Brighton and Manchester United Salford compete for the first time.

Coach Halliday

Rugby union: The former quin centre, Simon Halliday, is to help with the coaching at the London junior club, Esher.

BOWLS

Chester makes most of success

NATIONAL presidents are supposed to strut up and down nodding wisely while others indulge in less dignified activi-ty on bowling greens. Brian Chester, of Derby West End, is

an exception. "I've never got this far before." Chester said after qualifying for the quarter-finals of the English Bowling Federation mixed pairs championship with Doreen Moss yesterday. "I've been trying for 21 years, and it's a

marvellous feeling to get to Skegness in my year of office." His elation was short-lived, however. After beating Peter Crisp and Bridget King, of Cornard, 20-18, the Derby duo dropped two shots on their last end against Diane Grange and Norman Gowler, of Ramsey, to lose by one, and Chester promptly resumed his

duties on the bank. Marjorie Pendleton, of Mildenhall, the national women's president, also qualified this year, but lost in the first round of the quaintlynamed senior citizens singles championship to Mary Iszatt, of Woodhall Spa Town. Claire Gladwell, of

Badingham, who is studying catering and welding at Ips-wich College, recovered from a 6-15 deficit and triumphed 21-18 against Kay Ward of Pretty Polly in the women's junior (under 25) singles.

BRIDGE

British women defeat Italy

THE British women's squad beat their old rivals, Italy, by 19 victory points to 11 yesterday to share the lead with France in their world team Olympiad group (Albert Dormer writes). After 13 rounds of caellising marches Ritting qualifying matches, Britain and France are level with 251. one victory point ahead of the holders, Denmark.

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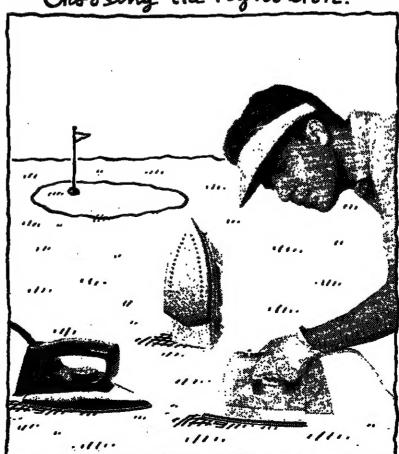
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SAN DIEGO: Mezcia Classic: First round: J Novotna (Cz) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; K Date (Lapan) bt P Shriver (US), 6-3, 6-3, J Wiesener (Austria) bt J Heland (Fr), 3-6, 7-8, 6-3; I Demongaat (Fr) bt A Streadove (Cz), 7-5, 8-1; M.Javer (GS) bt K Rimald (US), 6-4, 6-3, 2 Canada (evant): C Schatter (Art), N

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THURSDAY AUGUST 27 1992

England player fined and suspended by county over allegations on Pakistan players

Lamb adds fuel to fire over ball controversy



THE great cricket ball controversy, fuelled as much by a dumsy official silence as by any amount of innuendo, was both upgraded and upstaged yesterday, when Allan Lamb, having openly accused the Pakistan bowlers of cheating, was promptly and firmly pun-

ished by his county.

Lamb claimed he was acting in the best interests of the game when he said that Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis had been "getting away with murder" and were guilty of "repeatedly tampering with the ball". Northamptonshire, his county, did not agree, and neither does the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

A hastily convened committee meeting at Northampton decided that Lamb, the county captain, should be fined the maximum amount allowable, two weeks' wages, and susmatches. The TCCB has the power to increase the measures if it sees fit, and its disciplinary committee will meet in the next few days. Lamb will not suffer unduly

from either of his county's strictures. Even a fine of around £2,000 will leave the England batsman with a hefty profit on his dealings with the Daily Mirror and the twomatch suspension covers only one game in the Sunday League and one in the county championship, competitions which Northamptonshire have no chance of winning. A three-match ban would, sig-nificantly, have cost him his place in the NatWest Trophy

final on September 5. Lamb's allegations have outraged Intikhab Alam, the Pakistan team manager, who called it "a very cowardly attack", adding: "He has only said this because he was paid a lot of money and he knows he will never play for England



contact with ground, but and boundary fencing (figure 1). As the ball wears, the fast bowler tries to keep one side shiny and smooth by polishing to maximise the swing of the ball in the air. Allan Lamb's allegation is that the

Pakistanis used their finger-nails to accentu ate the damage to the non-shiny side and thus increase the swing (figure 2). Lamb also said they disguised the damage by smearing sweat over the scarred areas (figure 3). The Paki-stanis have strongly refuted the charges.

There is certainly a whiff of expediency about Lamb's ac-tions. I understand it was and mistreated, having had a good season with the bat, and made plain during the Texaco Trophy games last weekend that he was not likely to be in appointing himself chosen for England's tour of assumes rather too much. Whether further action is this knowledge, he has justi-fied his lucrative outburst by saying: "I just couldn't stand forthcoming from Northamptonshire, who may consider he has compromised his position by and see them getting away with breaking the laws of as captain, Lamb could now decide to end his career elsecricket time and again. In my view . . . it is cheating."

that his England career is over. He will feel aggrieved

where, possibly with another county or even in his native South Africa, where he has a standing offer to return to Western Province.

So far, of course, nobody has officially confirmed that the ball change during the play at Lord's on Sunday - which Lamb claims to have personally prompted by bringing its condition to the attention of the umpires — was made under the law relating to unfair play. This is the great culpability of the International

Cricket Council (ICC).Once Deryck Murray, the match referee, had made the ball change public, it made no sense to keep the reason secret. Murray's report, which he apparently, if unbelievably,

ICC at Lord's late yesterday. Lt-Col John Stephenson, the secretary, is expected to make a statement today.

Pakistan's reaction to this will be fascinating. Playing the last game of their tour, at Scarborough, they have re-peatedly insisted they are in-nocent of all charges. A confirmation that Law 42 was applied would make this plea untenable and might also put a brake on the litigation, continuing apace against newspapers and threatened,

yesterday, against Lamb. The greatest danger of this whole sorry business, however, is that people are being led to believe the Pakistanis have revolutionised the game by doctoring the ball. In fact, even if proved guilty, they are doing nothing that has not

gone on for generations past.
As David Lloyd, former Test cricketer and first-class um-pire, said yesterday: The whole thing is a hoot. People have been picking the seam for years. I've done it myself." Lloyd puts the matter in

perspective. Maltreating the ball is not new. England players are neither surprised nor offended by it. The difference in this case is that Wasim and Wagar are magnificent exponents of the fast bowling art, a fact which is increasingly

Wasim and Waqar issue firm denial

WAQAR Younis and Wasim Akram, the Pakistan bowlers who are the subject Lamb's ball-doctoring allegations, is-sued a rebuttal last night.

India this winter. Armed with

At the age of 38, with 79

Tests behind him. Lamb appears to have tacitly accepted

A statement issued through the players' agent, Jonathan Barnett, and Brian Moore, a solicitor, said: "We have read the various articles which have appeared in the press over the last few days which accuse us of cheating in the recent Test series against England.
"We categorically deny that we have ever cheated or tam-pered illegally with any match ball in any game during our careers. The allegations made are deeply offensive to us and the entire Pakistani team.

"We have played in this country for both Lancashire and Surrey county cricket clubs and have bowled hundreds of overs for both counties. We have played in numerous county and Test games on a variety of grounds throughout the world; we have

taken hundreds of wickets on all different types of surfaces. At no time has any umpire, official or administrator had cause to allege we have done anything illegal. "It is significant that these

allegations are only now being made after we have beaten England in a Test series. It is very convenient to blame the failure of the English players batting techniques on us.
"We are amazed that a

fellow professional has

stooped so low as to make such unfounded comments in the papers. We can only guess at Allan Lamb's motives for his article in The Daily Mirror, but we hope that they are even worse our nationality.

The upset and damage which has been caused to us by these articles is an extremely serious matter. We are taking details, legal advice and our rights to sue for damages are fully reserved."

Berger joins Ferrari

FERRARI yesterday announced that Gerhard Berger had signed a two-year deal with them, with an option for a third (Norman Howell writes). He will be joining Jean Alesi to form what a Ferrari spokesman called "the strongest team pair now in Formula One".

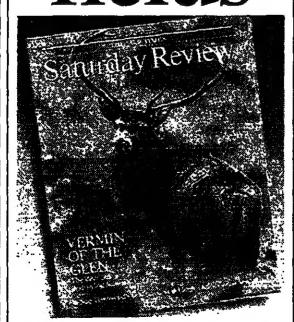
The deal is surprising, as there was no indication that the Austrian was unhappy at

McLaren, and suggests that he did not think that the English team would have a competitive engine for 1994. Ron Dennis, the owner of McLaren, denied that the engine was an important factor in Berger's decision. "I am not upset at Gerhard leaving. Ferrari have offered him a more attractive package and I

understand his desire to move

on that basis," he said.

The culling fields



IN the Saturday Review this week, how deer are eating the Highlands to destruction. Plus: Gordon Burn on romance at Victoria coach station and William Cash meets Hugh Hefner, finding the creator of Playboy uneasy in a post-feminist world.

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Another Premier League failure demonstrates Tottenham's need for Sheringham

Cantona restores Leeds pride

By LOUISE TAYLOR

HOWARD Wilkinson prides himself on his man-management, and with good reason, if Tuesday night's performance at Elland Road is anything to go by. Wilkinson's Leeds Unid trounced Tottenham Hotspur 5-0 to atone for last Saturday's embarrassing 4-1

defeat at Middlesbrough. Tottenham have yet to win a Premier League fixture. Without the departed Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker, they were not overburdened in the creativity department, and seem likely to renew attempts to attract Teddy Sheringham, the Nottingham Forest forward, to White Hart Lane in a

E2 million transfer. By contrast, Leeds, last season's Football League champions, seem to have found both flair and finishing in one player - Eric Cantona. The enfant terrible of French football emphasised his adjustment to the English game

with three goals. After Rodney Wallace had put Leeds ahead and Cantona contributed his three, the Frenchman created the fifth. for Lee Chapman.

Liverpool's less than lively start to the season continued at Portman Road, where they were lucky to draw 2-2 with Ipswich. Jason Dozzell and Chris Kiwomya were on target for the home side, while Mark Walters and Jan Molby, with a debatable penalty, scored for Liverpool Graeme Souness,

"If that penalty had been awarded against us I would have been disappointed." Crystal Palace's 1-1 draw with Sheffield Wednesday at

Selhurst Park featured a clanger from Nigel Martyn in the Palace goal. Midway through the second half Martyn dropped a corner from the impressive Chris Bart-Williams at the feet of Paul Wiliams, who hooked in an equaliser. Palace had gone ahead thanks to Eric Young's

header from an earlier corner. Maurice Johnston's future at Everton has been the subject of much recent speculation but the former Scottish inter-national had the perfect ri-poste for his critics at Goodison Park. Johnston's

Taylor to study Durie's case

GORDON Taylor is to spend the remainder of this week debating whether to defend Gordon Durie (Louise Taylor writes). Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), will study video evidence and a referee's report before deciding whether to defend the Tottenham Hotspur forward against a Football Association charge of leigning injury to get an opponent dismissed.

Durie, a former Scottish international, faces the first such charge to be made against a professional footballer after an incident at White Hart Lane last week when he and Andy Pearce, the Coven-

try central defender, were both booked after an apparent Dermot Gallagher, the referee, subsequently accused Durie of acting and, after studying his official report,

formally charged the player on Tuesday. Taylor yesterday said: "It is a very serious charge to level against any professional sponsman and I know that the player will be strenuously refuting the allegation."
Durie was given 14 days

from Tuesday in which to request a personal hearing against the charge. Taylor must decide whether Durie or the referee is in the right.

Villa a I-0 win over Everton. The Wimbledon old boys reunion at Bramall Lane ended in a 2-2 draw between Dave Bessett's Sheffield United and Wimbledon. That means that Bassett has never celebrated a win against Wirnbledon since leaving London SW19. Glyn Hodges, once of Wimbledon, tried his best to remedy Bassett's record by scoring United's second goal. Robert Lee scored one goal

and made two others as Charlton Athletic went five points clear at the head of the first division of the Football League by beating Bristol Rovers 4-1 at Upton Park. Lee is expected to sign for Middlesbrough by the weekend.

Notts County lost the night's other first division fixture 2-1 to Watford at Meadow Lane. Jason Drysdale and Paul Furlong, fresh from Coventry, scored for Watford.

Andrew Cole, the forward signed by Bristol City from Arsenal for £500,000 this summer, has done little else but score goals since arriving in the West Country. He claimed another three in the Coca-Cola Cup first round, second leg, at Ashton Gate. City prevailed 5-0 on the night and 5-1 on aggregate.

In surprise cup results. Exeter City knocked out Birmingham City and Carlisle United removed Burnley.

Auxerre teenagers head for Leeds

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LEEDS have emerged as favourites to sign two of the brightest young talents in British football. This follows talks between Howard Wilkinson and Guy Roux, the manager of the French club,

For weeks the players have been wiling away their time playing beach football as wrangles over their possible transfers have gone on. They are the former England youth internationals. Jamie Forrester and Kevin Sharp,

both 17. After graduating from the FA School of Excellence, the Blackpool-based players turned their backs on British football and signed for

Auxerre. Now out of contract with Auxerre and homesick, they have interested three Premier League clubs. Auxerre's original £400.000 valuation for the pair has dropped and the players' agent is seeking per-mission from France for them to train in England following increased interest by Leeds. who have been in talks with

They are expected to spend a week at Elland Road, when personal terms will be discussed. Forrester said: "We

have been in a state of limbo for weeks. We have been back in Blackpool as phone calls and faxes have been going on between England and France since we turned down Auxerre's offer of a three-year contract. All we want is for the matter to be sorted out as quickly as possible."

Forrester, a forward, and Sharp, who plays in midfield. have played together since they were at junior school. They accept that the partner-

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ship may end. Charlion, the first division leaders, are involved in a race against time to secure their neturn to The Valley. Chariton, still £200,000 short of the sum needed to finance an October return, are legally bound to confirm plans tomorrow. Supporters have contributed more than £1 million to the Valley Investment Plan. Club officials were last night in talks to raise funds.

Martin Simons, a director. confirmed: "The cut-off point is Friday, when we must decide to resume building work or repay all the money to supporters. We will be negotiating up to the wire to raise the outstanding sum. We do not want to go ahead with work and run out of money."

Leading players fail to support English Open

BY MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

TOM Watson, the United States captain, has expressed the hope that all his players will visit The Belfry before the Ryder Cup match next year. Yet Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo. Bernhard Langer. Sandy Lyle, José-Maria Olazábal and Ian Woosnam, who are likely to form the nucleus of Europe's team. have declined the chance to refamiliarise themselves with the course in the Murphy's English Open, which starts tomorrow, despite a prize fund of £550,000.

Bernard Gallacher, the

disappointed, although not nearly so much as the sponsors or BBC Televison, planning to screen approximately six hours of live play, or the spectators.

This is not to demean the likes of Colin Montgomerie and Steven Richardson, David Feherty and Sam Torrance, Anders Forsbrand and Vijay Singh, all respected

the company that markets

But they have been given the unenviable task, along with the rest of the supporting cast, of satisfying, above all, the board of Whitbread pic,

The promoters, PGA Eurocaptain of Europe, will be pean Tour Enterprises (PGA

ETE), were put in a difficult position two months ago when EGP, a partner in the venture, went out of business. George O'Grady, the PGA ETE managing director, put together a rescue package of which he is justifiably proud, even though he failed to hook

Ballesteros could not be enticed from Spain because his wife. Carmen, is expecting their second child next month. Faldo said long ago that he would take a break after the US PGA championship. Olazábal refused to abandon a shooting holiday. Langer is concerned with the health of his daughter and Lyle and Woosnam found a

one of the big fish.

little gentle persuasion not to be generous enough. Questions are sure to be asked at Whitbread's head-



Montgomerie: on parade

quarters in London. The company could withdraw its support in the future, but the likelihood is that it will give the benefit of the doubt to the promoters. It will, however, want an assurance that one or more of the very best European players will compete in

The Tour has increased the total prize-money from £2 million to £20 million in ten year, however, if it is to continue to beat the recession, it will need to satisfy sponsors that it has the support of all

players. Whitbread was encouraged to relinquish the Murphy's Cup. in which both Lyle and Woosnam played and in which the prize-money in 1991 was £350,000, in favour of the English Open and awarded the players a 63.63 per cent pay rise.

But the only one of the top 20 in the Sony world rankings on view will be Rodger Davis, who is eighteenth. Moreover, only four of the present top ten in the Volvo order of merit have

entered It is not what Whitbread envisaged. The PGA European Tour can probably be assured of the brewery's continued backing as long as the support of the players can be guaranteed. If not, sponsors might be tempted to look

